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> _____ SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) APRIL 8, 2003 _____ PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION _____ (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) 1-16463 DELAWARE 13-4004153 _____ _____ (State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer incorporation or organization) Identification No.) 701 MARKET STREET, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63101 _____ (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code (314) 342-3400 N/A _____ _____ (Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS AND REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

On April 8, 2003, Peabody Energy Corporation issued a press release announcing the acquisition of the remaining 18.3 percent of Black Beauty Coal Company for approximately \$90 million and other contingent consideration.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

See the Exhibit Index at page 4 of this report.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

Date: April 8, 2003

/s/ RICHARD A. NAVARRE

Richard A. Navarre Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

The exhibits below are numbered in accordance with the Exhibit Table of Item 601 of Regulation S-K.

Exhibit No. Description of Exhibit 99.1 Press release of Peabody Energy Corporation dated April 8, 2003.

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