

Peabody Energy (NYSE: BTU) Files Shelf Registration Statement

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Peabody Energy announced today that it has filed a shelf registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission in which Lehman Brothers Merchant Banking Partners II L.P., its affiliates, Co-Investment Partners, L.P. and certain members of management may be offering up to 8.7 million shares of the company's common stock, not including any possible overallotment shares.

The company will not be selling any shares in the shelf registration statement. The selling shareholders will receive all of the net proceeds from any offering under the shelf registration statement.

Peabody Energy is the world's largest private-sector coal company. Its coal products fuel more than 9 percent of all U.S. electricity generation and more than 2 percent of worldwide electricity generation.

A registration statement relating to these securities has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission but has not yet become effective. These securities may not be sold nor may offers to buy be accepted prior to the time the registration statement becomes effective. This announcement shall not constitute an offer to sell, or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to the registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state.

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