

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.

Under the registration, Peabody may offer and sell from time to time various debt and equity securities totaling a maximum of \$3.0 billion. Related proceeds would be used for general corporate purposes including repayment of other debt, capital expenditures, possible acquisitions and any other purposes that may be stated in any prospectus supplement.

Peabody Energy is the world's largest private-sector coal company, with 2004 sales of 227 million tons of coal and \$3.6 billion in revenues. Its coal products fuel more than 10 percent of all U.S. electricity and 3 percent of worldwide electricity.

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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