

ARCH COAL INC
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 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): May 3, 2011 (May 2, 2011)

Arch Coal, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

1-13105
(Commission File Number)

43-0921172
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

CityPlace One
One CityPlace Drive, Suite 300
St. Louis, Missouri 63141

(Address, including zip code, of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (314) 994-2700

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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

Merger Agreement

As previously announced, on May 2, 2011, Arch Coal, Inc., a Delaware corporation (Arch), Atlas Acquisition Corp., a Delaware corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Arch (Merger Sub), and International Coal Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (ICG), entered into a definitive Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Merger Agreement), pursuant to which Arch, through Merger Sub, will commence an offer (the Offer) to acquire all of the outstanding shares of ICG's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, (the Shares) for \$14.60 per share in cash, without interest (the Offer Price).

Completion of the Offer is subject to several conditions, including: (i) that a majority of the Shares outstanding (generally determined on a fully diluted basis) be validly tendered and not validly withdrawn prior to the expiration of the Offer; (ii) the expiration or termination of the applicable waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended (the HSR Act); (iii) the absence of a material adverse effect on ICG; (iv) the expiration of a 20 business day marketing period beginning 10 business days after delivery of certain required financial information to be provided to Arch by ICG; and (v) certain other customary conditions. The Offer is not subject to a financing condition.

The Merger Agreement also provides that following consummation of the Offer and satisfaction of certain customary conditions, Merger Sub will be merged with and into ICG (the Merger), with ICG surviving as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Arch. Upon completion of the Merger, each Share outstanding immediately prior to the effective time of the Merger (excluding those Shares that are held by (i) Arch, Merger Sub, ICG or their respective subsidiaries and (ii) stockholders of ICG who properly exercised their appraisal rights under the Delaware General Corporation Law) will be converted into the right to receive the Offer Price.

If Merger Sub holds 90% or more of the outstanding Shares following the completion of the Offer (the Short Form Threshold), the parties will effect the Merger as a short-form merger without the need for approval by ICG's stockholders. In addition, subject to the terms of the Merger Agreement and applicable law, ICG has granted Merger Sub an irrevocable option (the Top-Up Option), exercisable after completion of the Offer and Arch's purchase of a majority of the Shares, to purchase additional Shares from ICG as necessary so that Arch, Merger Sub or their subsidiaries own one Share more than the Short Form Threshold. If for whatever reason Merger Sub does not attain the Short Form Threshold, ICG will hold a special stockholders' meeting to obtain stockholder approval of the Merger. In this event, ICG will call and convene a stockholder meeting to obtain such approval, and Merger Sub will vote all Shares it acquires pursuant to the Offer in favor of the adoption of the Merger Agreement, thereby assuring approval. Arch and ICG have made customary representations, warranties and covenants in the Merger Agreement, including covenants (i) to promptly effect all registrations, filings and submissions required pursuant to the HSR Act and any other required governmental approvals, the Securities

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Exchange Act of 1934 and other applicable laws with respect to the Offer and the Merger; and (ii) to use reasonable best efforts to do all things necessary, proper or advisable to consummate and effectuate the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement.

ICG has agreed prior to the consummation of the Merger to (i) conduct its business in the ordinary course consistent with past practice and (ii) use commercially reasonable efforts to maintain and preserve intact its business organization and preserve intact certain business relationships and relationships with applicable regulatory authorities. ICG has also agreed to comply with certain specific operating covenants during the pendency of the Merger.

ICG has agreed not to solicit, initiate or knowingly encourage, or engage in discussions concerning, alternative proposals for the acquisition of ICG. However, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions and following receipt of an unsolicited proposal or the occurrence of certain intervening events, ICG and its board of directors, as applicable, would be permitted to take certain actions, which may, as more fully described in the Merger Agreement, include terminating the Merger Agreement or changing the board of directors' recommendation, if the board of directors of ICG has concluded in good faith after consultation with its advisors that failure to do so could result in a breach of its fiduciary duties.

The Merger Agreement can be terminated by Arch or ICG under certain circumstances, and ICG will be required to pay Arch a termination fee of \$115 million in connection with certain termination events.

The Merger Agreement has been adopted by the boards of directors of Arch, Merger Sub and ICG and the board of directors of ICG has resolved to recommend that stockholders of ICG tender their Shares in the Offer and, if necessary, vote to adopt the Merger Agreement. The foregoing description of the Offer, the Merger and the Merger Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Merger Agreement, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Merger Agreement has been incorporated herein by reference to provide information regarding the terms of the Merger Agreement and is not intended to modify or supplement any factual disclosures about Arch, Merger Sub or ICG in any public reports filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). In particular, the assertions embodied in the representations, warranties and covenants contained in the Merger Agreement were made only for the purposes of such agreement, were solely for the benefit of the parties to the Merger Agreement, and may be subject to limitations agreed upon by the contracting parties, including being qualified by information in confidential disclosure schedules provided by ICG to Arch in connection with the signing of the Merger Agreement. These disclosure schedules contain information that modifies, qualifies and creates exceptions to the representations and warranties set forth in the Merger Agreement. Moreover, the representations and warranties in the Merger Agreement were used for the purpose of allocating risk between Arch, Merger Sub and ICG, rather than establishing matters of fact. Accordingly, the representations and warranties in the Merger Agreement may not constitute the actual state of facts about Arch, Merger Sub or ICG. The representations and warranties set forth in the Merger Agreement may also be subject to a contractual standard of materiality different from that generally applicable to investors under federal securities laws. Therefore, the Merger Agreement is included with this filing only to provide investors with

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information regarding the terms of the Merger Agreement, and not to provide investors with any other factual information regarding the parties or their respective businesses.

Tender and Voting Agreements

In connection with the parties' entry into the Merger Agreement, (i) certain affiliates of WL Ross & Co. LLC who collectively own approximately 6% of the outstanding stock of ICG have entered into a tender and voting agreement with Arch and Merger Sub and (ii) certain affiliates of Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited who collectively own approximately 11% of the outstanding stock of ICG have entered into a tender and voting agreement with Arch and Merger Sub (each, a Tender and Voting Agreement and collectively, the Tender and Voting Agreements) pursuant to which they have agreed to, among other things, tender their Shares of ICG's common stock into the Offer and vote their Shares of ICG's common stock in favor of adopting the Merger Agreement, if applicable. The stockholder parties to the Tender and Voting Agreements have agreed to comply with certain restrictions on the disposition of such shares, subject to the terms and conditions contained therein. Pursuant to their terms, the Tender and Voting Agreements will terminate upon the earlier of (i) notice of the termination of the Merger Agreement, (ii) a change in recommendation by the Board of Directors of ICG, (iii) the termination or expiration of the Offer, without any shares being accepted for payment and (iv) the consummation of the Merger.

The foregoing description of the Tender and Voting Agreements does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Tender and Voting Agreements, which are attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and Exhibit 10.2 respectively, and are incorporated herein by reference.

Debt Commitment Letter

Concurrently, and in connection with entering into the Merger Agreement, Arch entered into a debt commitment letter (the Debt Commitment Letter) with Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., PNC Bank, National Association and PNC Capital Markets LLC (the Initial Lenders) pursuant to which, subject to the conditions set forth therein, the Initial Lenders committed to provide to Arch unsecured bridge financing of up to \$3.8 billion (the Bridge Facility), the proceeds of which will be used (i) first, to repay or redeem ICG's indebtedness outstanding on the date of consummation of the Merger (the Closing Date), other than certain existing indebtedness, including certain equipment notes and capital leases, and (ii) second, to fund in part the cash consideration for the Offer and the Merger and pay certain fees and expenses in connection with the Offer and the Merger. The Bridge Facility will mature on the first anniversary of the Closing Date; however, subject to certain conditions, Arch may elect to extend the maturity date of the Bridge Facility to the eighth anniversary of the closing of the Merger.

The Initial Lenders and certain of their affiliates have engaged in, and may in the future engage in, investment banking and other commercial dealings in the ordinary course of business with us or our affiliates. They have received, or may in the future receive, customary fees and commissions for these transactions.

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The foregoing description of the Debt Commitment Letter is included to provide you with information regarding its terms. It does not purport to be a complete description and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Debt Commitment Letter, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.3 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Additional Information

This filing is for informational purposes only and is not an offer to buy or the solicitation of an offer to sell any shares of International Coal Group s (ICG) common stock. The tender offer described herein has not yet been commenced. On the commencement date of the tender offer, an offer to purchase, a letter of transmittal and related documents will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The solicitation of offers to buy shares of ICG s common stock will only be made pursuant to the offer to purchase, the letter of transmittal and related documents. Investors and ICG securityholders are strongly advised to read both the tender offer statement and the solicitation/recommendation statement that will be filed by ICG regarding the tender offer when they become available as they will contain important information. Investors and securityholders may obtain free copies of these statements (when available) and other documents filed with respect to the tender offer at the SEC s website at www.sec.gov. In addition, copies of the tender offer statement and related materials (when available) may be obtained for free by directing such requests to the information agent for the tender offer or by directing such requests to Arch s investor and public relations at the phone number below. The solicitation/recommendation statement and related documents (when available) may be obtained by directing such requests to Ross Mazza at the phone number or e-mail address below.

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Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Exhibit Name

2.1 Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 2, 2011, by and among Arch Coal, Inc., Atlas Acquisition Corp. and International Coal Group, Inc.

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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.

Dated: May 3, 2011

Arch Coal, Inc.

By: /s/ Robert G. Jones

Robert G. Jones

Senior Vice President Law, General

Counsel and Secretary

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