

**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): **August 31, 2015 (August 28, 2015)**

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
(IRS 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**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On July 1, 2015, Arch entered into an agreement (the "Support Agreement") with holders of approximately 56.9% in aggregate principal amount of the 2020 Notes. The Support Agreement was previously scheduled to terminate if the 2020 Exchange Offer was terminated, or not consummated, within 60 calendar days after the date of the Support Agreement, unless extended by the parties. On August 28, 2015, the parties to the Support Agreement agreed to an extension of such agreement until September 23, 2015. All other terms and conditions of the Support Agreement remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Arch Coal has no material relationship with any of the holders party to the Support Agreement.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

Arch today announced the extension of its (i) pending private offer to exchange (the "2020 Exchange Offer") new 6.25% Trust Certificates due 2021 (the "Trust Certificates") and a cash payment for any and all of its outstanding 7.25% Senior Notes due 2020 (the "2020 Notes") and (ii) pending concurrent private offer to exchange (the "Concurrent Exchange Offer" and, together with the 2020 Exchange Offer, the "Exchange Offers") Trust Certificates, 8.00% Senior Secured Notes due 2022 (the "New 2022 Secured Notes") and 12.00% Senior Secured Second Lien Notes due 2023 (the "New 2023 Secured Notes") for its outstanding 7.000% Senior Notes due 2019 ("Old 7.000% 2019 Notes"), 9.875% Senior Notes due 2019 ("Old 9.875% 2019 Notes") and 7.250% Senior Notes due 2021 ("Old 7.250% 2021 Notes" and, together with the Old 7.000% 2019 Notes and the Old 9.875% 2019 Notes, the "Old Notes").

The 2020 Exchange Offer, previously set to expire at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on August 28, 2015, has been extended and is now set to expire at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on September 23, 2015. The Concurrent Exchange Offer, previously set to expire at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on August 28, 2015, has been extended and is now set to expire at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on September 23, 2015. Additionally, the Early Tender Time for the Concurrent Exchange Offer, previously set to expire at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on August 28, 2015, has been extended and is now set to expire at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on September 23, 2015. The Withdrawal Deadline for the Exchange Offers has passed, so 2020 Notes tendered in the 2020 Exchange Offer and Old Notes tendered in the Concurrent Exchange Offer may no longer be withdrawn.

As previously disclosed, Arch has made alternative arrangements on similar economic terms for holders of the 2020 Notes not eligible to participate in the 2020 Exchange Offer (the "Ineligible Holders Offer"). The Ineligible Holders Offer, previously set to expire at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on August 28, 2015, has also been extended and is now set to expire at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on September 23, 2015.

As previously announced, on July 28, 2015, certain unidentified term loan lenders under Arch's Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of June 14, 2011 (as amended, restated, modified or supplemented from time to time, the "Credit Agreement") purporting to hold more than 50% of the term loans under the Credit Agreement delivered a letter (the "Direction Letter") to the administrative agent in respect of the term loan facility under the Credit Agreement (the "Term Loan Administrative Agent") directing the Term Loan Administrative Agent to refrain from executing any documentation relating to the Exchange Offers. No approval by or consent of the existing term loan lenders is required in connection with the Exchange Offers. However following receipt of the Direction Letter, the Term Loan Administrative Agent tendered its resignation under the Credit Agreement, effective upon the earliest date allowed under the Credit Agreement. The Term Loan lenders have appointed a new Term Loan Administrative Agent, but we have received no assurances that the new agent will be prepared to execute the required documents for the Exchange Offers absent direction from the lenders. As such, Arch can provide no assurances as to when, or if, any or all of the Exchange Offers may be consummated.

The Exchange Offers are being made, and the Trust Certificates, the New 2022 Secured Notes and the New 2023 Secured Notes are being offered and issued, solely to holders of 2020 Notes or Old Notes, as applicable, who are both "qualified institutional buyers" as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and "qualified purchasers" as defined in Section 2(a)(51) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Investment Company Act"), in private placements in reliance upon an exemption from the

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registration requirements of the Securities Act. The Trust Certificates, the New 2022 Secured Notes and the New 2023 Secured Notes have not and will not be registered under the Securities Act and may not be transferred or resold except as permitted under the Securities Act and other applicable securities laws, pursuant to registration or exemption therefrom. Additionally, Arch Pass Through Trust (issuer of the Trust Certificates) has not been and will not be registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act, in reliance on the exemption set forth in Section 3(c)(7) thereof.

A copy of the press release described above is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d)
Exhibits

The following exhibits are attached hereto and filed herewith

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release dated August 31, 2015.

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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.

Arch Coal, Inc.

Date: August 31, 2015

By: /s/ Robert G. Jones
Name: Robert G. Jones
Title: Senior Vice President — Law, General Counsel and Secretary

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NOT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Investors: Charles Dayton 314/994.2912

Arch Coal, Inc. Announces Extension of Private Debt Exchange Offers and Support Agreement

ST. LOUIS, August 31, 2015 — Arch Coal, Inc. (“Arch”) (NYSE:ACI) today announced the extension of its (i) pending private offer to exchange (the “2020 Exchange Offer”) new 6.25% Trust Certificates due 2021 (the “Trust Certificates”) and a cash payment for any and all of its outstanding 7.25% Senior Notes due 2020 (the “2020 Notes”) and (ii) pending concurrent private offer to exchange (the “Concurrent Exchange Offer” and, together with the 2020 Exchange Offer, the “Exchange Offers”) Trust Certificates, 8.00% Senior Secured Notes due 2022 (the “New 2022 Secured Notes”) and 12.00% Senior Secured Second Lien Notes due 2023 (the “New 2023 Secured Notes”) for its outstanding 7.000% Senior Notes due 2019 (“Old 7.000% 2019 Notes”), 9.875% Senior Notes due 2019 (“Old 9.875% 2019 Notes”) and 7.250% Senior Notes due 2021 (“Old 7.250% 2021 Notes” and, together with the Old 7.000% 2019 Notes and the Old 9.875% 2019 Notes, the “Old Notes”).

The 2020 Exchange Offer, previously set to expire at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on August 28, 2015, has been extended and is now set to expire at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on September 23, 2015. The Concurrent Exchange Offer, previously set to expire at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on August 28, 2015, has been extended and is now set to expire at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on September 23, 2015. Additionally, the Early Tender Time for the Concurrent Exchange Offer, previously set to expire at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on August 28, 2015, has been extended and is now set to expire at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on September 23, 2015. The Withdrawal Deadline for the Exchange Offers has passed, so 2020 Notes tendered in the 2020 Exchange Offer and Old Notes tendered in the Concurrent Exchange Offer may no longer be withdrawn.

As of 5:00 p.m. New York City time on August 28, 2015, approximately \$421 million aggregate principal amount of 2020 Notes have been validly tendered pursuant to the 2020 Exchange Offer, and approximately \$491 million aggregate principal amount of Old 7.000% 2019 Notes, \$173 million aggregate principal amount of Old 9.875% 2019 Notes and \$402 million aggregate principal amount of Old 7.250% 2021 Notes have been validly tendered pursuant to the Concurrent Exchange Offer.

As previously disclosed, Arch has made alternative arrangements on similar economic terms for holders of the 2020 Notes not eligible to participate in the 2020 Exchange Offer (the “Ineligible Holders Offer”). The Ineligible Holders Offer, previously set to expire at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on August 28, 2015, has also been extended and is now set to expire at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on September 23, 2015. As of 5:00 p.m. New York City time on August 28, 2015, approximately \$38 million aggregate principal amount of 2020 Notes have been validly tendered pursuant to the Ineligible Holders Offer.

On July 1, 2015, Arch entered into an agreement (the “Support Agreement”) with holders of approximately 56.9% in aggregate principal amount of the 2020 Notes. The Support Agreement was previously scheduled to terminate if the 2020 Exchange Offer was terminated, or not consummated, within 60 calendar days after the date of the Support Agreement, unless extended by the parties. On August 28, 2015, the parties to the Support Agreement agreed to an extension of such agreement until September 23, 2015. All other terms and conditions of the Support Agreement remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

As previously announced, on July 28, 2015, certain unidentified term loan lenders under Arch’s Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of June 14, 2011 (as amended, restated, modified or supplemented from time to time, the “Credit Agreement”) purporting to hold more than 50% of the term loans under the Credit Agreement delivered a letter (the “Direction Letter”) to the administrative agent in respect of the term loan facility under the Credit Agreement (the “Term Loan Administrative Agent”) directing the Term Loan Administrative Agent to refrain from executing any documentation relating to the Exchange Offers. No approval by or consent of the existing term loan lenders is required in connection with the Exchange Offers. However following receipt of the Direction Letter, the Term Loan Administrative Agent tendered its resignation under the Credit Agreement, effective upon the earliest date allowed under the Credit Agreement. The Term Loan lenders have appointed a new Term Loan Administrative Agent, but we have received no assurances that the new agent will be prepared to execute the required documents

for the Exchange Offers absent direction from the lenders. As such, Arch can provide no assurances as to when, or if, any or all of the Exchange Offers may be consummated.

The terms of the 2020 Exchange Offer are set forth in the Confidential Offering Memorandum and Consent Solicitation Statement (the “2020 Exchange Offering Memorandum”) and the accompanying Consent and Letter of Transmittal related to the 2020 Exchange Offer (the “Consent and Letter of Transmittal”). The terms of the Concurrent Exchange Offer are set forth in the Confidential Offering Memorandum (the “Concurrent Exchange Offering Memorandum”) and the accompanying Letter of Transmittal related to the Concurrent Exchange Offer (the “Letter of Transmittal”). The 2020 Exchange Offer is made only by, and pursuant to the terms of, the 2020 Exchange Offering Memorandum and the Consent and Letter of Transmittal, and the Concurrent Exchange Offer is made only by, and pursuant to the terms of, the Concurrent Exchange Offering Memorandum and the Letter of Transmittal, and the information in this news release is qualified by reference to each of these documents.

The offering documents for the 2020 Exchange Offer and the Concurrent Exchange Offer will be distributed only to holders of 2020 Notes and holders of Old Notes, respectively, that complete and return a letter of eligibility confirming that they are Eligible Holders (as defined below). Copies of the eligibility letter are available to holders through the information agent for the Exchange Offers, Ipreo LLC, at (888) 593-9546 (U.S. toll-free) or (212) 849-3880.

Holders of the 2020 Notes that are not Eligible Holders will not be able to receive the 2020 Exchange Offering Memorandum and the Consent and Letter of Transmittal or to participate in the 2020 Exchange Offer. However, as described above, Arch is conducting the Ineligible Holders Offer, pursuant to which Arch has made alternative arrangements on equivalent economic terms to the 2020 Exchange Offer for holders ineligible to participate in the 2020 Exchange Offer. Such holders should contact Investor Relations at Arch by calling (314) 994-2700, and, after furnishing proof that they are not Eligible Holders, will receive information about the Ineligible Holders Offer. Holders of the Old Notes that are not Eligible Holders will not be able to receive the Concurrent Exchange Offering Memorandum and the Letter of Transmittal or to participate in the Concurrent Exchange Offer.

The Exchange Offers are being made, and the Trust Certificates, the New 2022 Secured Notes and the New 2023 Secured Notes are being offered and issued, solely to holders of 2020 Notes or Old Notes, as applicable, who are both “qualified institutional buyers” as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and “qualified purchasers” as defined in Section 2(a)(51) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “Investment Company Act”), in private placements in reliance upon an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. The holders of 2020 Notes or Old Notes, as applicable, that are eligible to participate in the Exchange Offers pursuant to the foregoing conditions are referred to as “Eligible Holders.” The Trust Certificates, the New 2022 Secured Notes and the New 2023 Secured Notes have not and will not be registered under the Securities Act and may not be transferred or resold except as permitted under the Securities Act and other applicable securities laws, pursuant to registration or exemption therefrom. Additionally, Arch Pass Through Trust (issuer of the Trust Certificates) has not been and will not be registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act, in reliance on the exemption set forth in Section 3(c)(7) thereof. This news release does not constitute an offer to purchase or a solicitation of an offer to sell any securities.

ABOUT ARCH: U.S.-based Arch Coal, Inc. is one of the world’s top coal producers for the global steel and power generation industries, serving customers on five continents. Its network of mining complexes is the most diversified in the United States, spanning every major coal basin in the nation. Arch controls more than 5 billion tons of high-quality metallurgical and thermal coal reserves, with access to major railroads, inland waterways and a growing number of seaborne trade channels.

Forward-Looking Statements: *This press release contains “forward-looking statements” — that is, statements related to future, not past, events. In this context, forward-looking statements often address our expected future business and financial performance, and often contain words such as “expects,” “anticipates,” “intends,” “plans,” “believes,” “seeks,” or “will.” Forward-looking statements by their nature address matters that are, to varying degrees, uncertain. For us, particular uncertainties arise from changes in the demand for our coal by the domestic electric generation industry; from legislation and regulations relating to the Clean Air Act and other environmental initiatives; from operational, geological, permit, labor and weather-related factors; from fluctuations in the amount of cash we generate from operations; from potential demands for additional collateral for self-bonding; from our ability to complete our potential exchange offers; from future integration of acquired businesses; and from many other matters of national, regional and global scale, including those of a political, economic, business, competitive*

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or regulatory nature. These uncertainties may cause our actual future results to be materially different than those expressed in our forward-looking statements. We do not undertake to update our forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required by law. For a description of some of the risks and uncertainties that may affect our future results, you should see the risk factors described from time to time in the reports we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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