



## Arch and Peabody announce intent to continue pursuit of highly synergistic joint venture to create value for customers and shareholders

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ST. LOUIS, Feb. 26, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- Emphasizing that the case for combining assets has only grown stronger in recent months, Arch Coal (NYSE: ARCH) and Peabody (NYSE: BTU) today announced that they intend to continue to pursue creation of a joint venture to strengthen coal's competitiveness with other energy sources and create substantial value for multiple stakeholders. The announcement follows a negative split decision by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) that advances the process to the legal system.

"We view the need for this combination as self-evident," said John W. Eaves, Arch's chief executive officer. "The proposed joint venture promises to enhance the cost-competitiveness of our thermal operations, enable us to serve the evolving needs of domestic power generators well into the future, and protect the value of our thermal assets for our shareholders. In short, it will create a stable, durable supply platform for our thermal customers even as we continue our organizational pivot towards global metallurgical markets."

"The proposed joint venture offers a clear and compelling path to strengthen both our and our customers' ability to compete in today's marketplace with electricity produced from coal," said Peabody President and Chief Executive Officer Glenn Kellow. "We have provided tremendous amounts of evidence to the FTC during an extensive review, fully demonstrating that coal, including Southern Powder River Basin coal, faces intense competition from natural gas and other alternate fuels. We believe that the commission has reached an incorrect decision that should be rapidly remedied within the court system to allow customers and others to benefit from the combination."

Arch and Peabody intend to litigate the FTC's decision within the U.S. federal court system over the coming months. Both companies believe the FTC has incorrectly defined the market, and fails to reflect the true competitive nature of the current U.S. energy landscape.

The transaction was announced in June 2019 and would combine the companies' Powder River Basin and Colorado assets. Ownership of the joint venture would be structured with Peabody owning 66.5 percent and Arch owning 33.5 percent. If consummated, the joint venture is expected to realize annual synergies of \$120 million over an initial 10-year period, which would benefit all stakeholders, including customers, local communities, employees, investors and multiple others.

The transaction includes seven of the companies' mines, including Peabody's North Antelope Rochelle Mine (NARM) and Arch's Black Thunder Mine, which share a property line of more than seven miles. Additional assets include the Caballo, Rawhide and Coal Creek mines in Wyoming along with the West Elk and Twentymile mines in Colorado.

U.S.-based Arch Coal, Inc. is a top coal producer for the global steel and power generation industries. Arch operates a streamlined portfolio of large-scale, low-cost mining complexes that produce high-quality metallurgical coals in Appalachia and low-emitting thermal coals in the Powder River Basin and other strategic supply regions. For more information, visit [www.ArchCoal.com](http://www.ArchCoal.com).

Peabody is the leading global pure-play coal company and a member of the Fortune 500, serving power and steel customers in more than 25 countries on six continents. The company offers significant scale, high-quality assets, and diversity in geography and products. Peabody is guided by seven core values: safety, customer focus, leadership, people, excellence, integrity and sustainability. For further information, visit [PeabodyEnergy.com](http://PeabodyEnergy.com).

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