CRAIG IAN S Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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See Instruction 1(b).

Common

Stock

01/31/2006

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CRAIG IAN S			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]				6	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					(Check all applicable)					
701 MARKET STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 01/31/2006					Director 10% Owner Selection Other (specify below) Grp. VP - Australian Ops.			
	4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check					
ST. LOUIS	Filed(Month/Day/Year)					Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	r) Executio any		3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D) 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	01/31/2006			Code V M	Amount 3,916	(D)	Price \$ 14.595	9,051 (1)	D		
Common Stock	01/31/2006			M	2,805	A	\$ 20.975	11,856 (1)	D		
Common Stock	01/31/2006			M	1,879	A	\$ 38.655	13,735 (1)	D		
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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8,600 D

\$ 96.85 5,135 (1)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number conf Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.595	01/31/2006		M		3,916	01/02/2006	01/02/2013	Common Stock	3,916
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.975	01/31/2006		M		2,805	01/02/2006	01/02/2014	Common Stock	2,805
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 38.655	01/31/2006		M		1,879	01/03/2006	01/03/2015	Common Stock	1,879

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
r g	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
CRAIG IAN S								
701 MARKET STREET			Grp. VP - Australian Ops.					
ST. LOUIS. MO 63101								

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Ian S. Craig By: Bryan L. Sutter, Attorney-in-Fact 02/02/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Includes 1,135 shares acquired under the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) The numbers reported in this column 9 of Table II do not include an additional 100,245 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

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