CRAIG IAN S Form 3 January 31, 2006 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB APPROVAL FORM 3 Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB 3235-0104 Number: January 31, **INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF** Expires: 2005 **SECURITIES** Estimated average burden hours per Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, response... 0.5 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Person <u>*</u> CRAIG	IAN S		Statement (Month/Day/Year)	PEABODY	ENERGY		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	01/23/2006		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
701 MARK	ET STRE	ET					``````````````````````````````````````
(Street)				(Check all applicable)		6. Individual or Joint/Group	
ST. LOUIS, MO 63101				Director10% Owner XOfficerOther (give title below) (specify below) Grp. VP - Australian Ops.			Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - I	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	ies Be	neficially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)			2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)		4. Nat Owne (Instr.	1	
Common S	tock		5,135 <u>(1)</u>		D	Â	
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	Table II - D	erivative Secu	urities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls,	warrants, op	tions, c	onvertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Securities Underlying		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Dete Enersiechle	le Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative	Security:	
	Date Exercisable				Security	Direct (D)	
						or Indirect	

				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	11/19/2007	05/19/2008	Common Stock	15,226	\$ 7.145	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	07/01/2010	01/01/2011	Common Stock	36,396	\$ 7.145	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	01/02/2006	01/02/2013	Common Stock	3,916	\$ 14.595	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	01/02/2006(2)	01/02/2014	Common Stock	5,612	\$ 20.975	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	01/03/2006(3)	01/03/2015	Common Stock	5,636	\$ 38.655	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	01/03/2009	01/03/2016	Common Stock	7,566	\$ 86.2	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	01/03/2007(4)	01/03/2016	Common Stock	7,337	\$ 86.2	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	01/01/2010(5)	07/01/2010	Common Stock	33,720	\$ 7.145	D	Â
Deferred Compensation Plan ? Common Stock Fund Units	(6)	(6)	Common Stock	26,379 (7)	\$ <u>(6)</u> <u>(7)</u>	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
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Signatures

Ian S. Craig By: Bryan L. Sutter,	01/31/2006
Attorney-in-Fact	
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Of the 5,612 options, 2,805 vested on January 2, 2006 and 2,807 vest on January 2, 2007.
- (3) Of the 5,636 options, 1,879 vested on January 3, 2006, 1,878 vest on January 3, 2007 and 1,879 vest on January 3, 2008.
- (4) Of the 7,337 options, 2,446 vest on January 3, 2007, 2,445 vest on January 3, 2008 and 2,446 vest on January 3, 2009.
- (5) Of the 33,720 options, 5,750 vest on January 1, 2010 and 27,970 vest on January 1, 2010.

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The units represent compensation deferred under the Peabody Energy Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan") which are
(6) allocated to the Peabody Energy Corporation Common Stock Fund investment alternative and are to be settled in cash upon the reporting person's following termination of employment or retirement, subject to early withdrawal in certain specified events.

Because the Peabody Energy Corporation Common Stock Fund investment alternative of the Plan is accounted by the plan administrator(7) using unit accounting, the number of shares varies based on the closing price of Peabody Energy Corporation Common Stock on the applicable measurement date. Information reflects share value on January 27, 2006.

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