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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

☒ **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2009

or

☐ **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from _____ to _____

**Commission File Number: 1-16463
PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

13-4004153

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

701 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri

63101-1826

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(314) 342-3400

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer ☐ Accelerated filer ☐ Non-accelerated filer ☐ Smaller reporting company ☐
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes ☐ No ☒

There were 267,835,698 shares of common stock with a par value of \$0.01 per share outstanding at October 30, 2009.

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PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION
UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	(Dollars in millions, except per share data)			
Revenues				
Sales	\$ 1,537.0	\$ 1,744.2	\$ 4,023.5	\$ 4,328.1
Other revenues	130.0	145.4	434.7	339.0
Total revenues	1,667.0	1,889.6	4,458.2	4,667.1
Costs and Expenses				
Operating costs and expenses	1,261.4	1,232.9	3,310.2	3,256.4
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	108.0	101.7	305.5	284.4
Asset retirement obligation expense	12.8	15.5	31.8	31.2
Selling and administrative expenses	55.3	44.2	148.8	138.2
Other operating (income) loss:				
Net gain on disposal or exchange of assets	(2.8)	(4.8)	(16.2)	(67.8)
(Income) loss from equity affiliates	12.0	3.5	22.7	(2.9)
Operating profit	220.3	496.6	655.4	1,027.6
Interest expense	52.3	54.4	151.6	171.6
Interest income	(2.2)	(3.5)	(6.2)	(7.0)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	170.2	445.7	510.0	863.0
Income tax provision	57.0	62.5	165.6	155.4
Income from continuing operations, net of income taxes	113.2	383.2	344.4	707.6
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	(2.4)	(11.4)	23.6	(42.1)
Net income	110.8	371.8	368.0	665.5
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	4.0	2.3	12.0	5.7
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 106.8	\$ 369.5	\$ 356.0	\$ 659.8

Income From Continuing Operations

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Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.41	\$ 1.40	\$ 1.24	\$ 2.59
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.41	\$ 1.39	\$ 1.23	\$ 2.57
Net Income Attributable to Common Stockholders				
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.40	\$ 1.36	\$ 1.33	\$ 2.43
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.40	\$ 1.35	\$ 1.32	\$ 2.42
Dividends declared per share	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.18

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	(Unaudited) September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
	(Amounts in millions, except share and per share data)	
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 790.8	\$ 449.7
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$17.7 at September 30, 2009 and \$24.8 at December 31, 2008	339.8	382.2
Inventories	357.2	276.2
Assets from coal trading activities, net	360.4	662.8
Deferred income taxes	12.5	1.7
Other current assets	228.4	198.7
Total current assets	2,089.1	1,971.3
Property, plant, equipment and mine development		
Land and coal interests	7,505.4	7,349.4
Buildings and improvements	887.7	858.1
Machinery and equipment	1,315.1	1,245.1
Less: accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization	(2,480.0)	(2,155.3)
Property, plant, equipment and mine development, net	7,228.2	7,297.3
Investments and other assets	542.2	427.0
Total assets	\$ 9,859.5	\$ 9,695.6
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities		
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 13.7	\$ 17.0
Liabilities from coal trading activities, net	121.3	304.2
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,188.4	1,535.0
Total current liabilities	1,323.4	1,856.2
Long-term debt, less current maturities	2,763.2	2,776.6
Deferred income taxes	344.9	20.8
Asset retirement obligations	431.2	418.7
Accrued postretirement benefit costs	767.3	766.0
Other noncurrent liabilities	444.8	737.8
Total liabilities	6,074.8	6,576.1
Stockholders' equity		

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Preferred Stock \$0.01 per share par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued or outstanding as of September 30, 2009 or December 31, 2008

Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock 1,500,000 shares authorized, no shares issued or outstanding as of September 30, 2009 or December 31, 2008

Perpetual Preferred Stock 750,000 shares authorized, no shares issued or outstanding as of September 30, 2009 or December 31, 2008

Series Common Stock \$0.01 per share par value; 40,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued or outstanding as of September 30, 2009 or December 31, 2008

Common Stock \$0.01 per share par value; 800,000,000 shares authorized, 276,370,726 shares issued and 267,728,748 shares outstanding as of September 30, 2009 and 275,211,240 shares issued and 266,644,979 shares outstanding as of December 31, 2008

	2.8	2.8
Additional paid-in capital	2,054.4	2,020.2
Retained earnings	2,110.3	1,802.4
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(65.9)	(388.5)
Treasury shares, at cost: 8,641,978 shares as of September 30, 2009 and 8,566,261 shares as of December 31, 2008	(321.0)	(318.8)
Peabody Energy Corporation's stockholders' equity	3,780.6	3,118.1
Noncontrolling interests	4.1	1.4
Total stockholders' equity	3,784.7	3,119.5
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 9,859.5	\$ 9,695.6

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION
UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008
	(Dollars in millions)	
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
Net income	\$ 368.0	\$ 665.5
(Income) loss from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	(23.6)	42.1
Income from continuing operations, net of income taxes	344.4	707.6
Adjustments to reconcile income from continuing operations, net of income taxes to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	305.5	284.4
Deferred income taxes	99.6	(25.7)
Share-based compensation	28.0	26.1
Amortization of debt discount and debt issuance costs	5.8	5.7
Net gain on disposal or exchange of assets	(16.2)	(67.8)
(Income) loss from equity affiliates	22.7	(2.9)
Revenue recovery on coal supply agreement		(56.9)
Dividends received from equity affiliates		19.9
Changes in current assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable, including securitization	43.5	(149.1)
Inventories	(81.0)	(10.7)
Net assets from coal trading activities	68.8	(163.1)
Other current assets	15.3	5.0
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(146.5)	236.8
Asset retirement obligations	23.2	22.9
Workers' compensation obligations	2.0	2.5
Accrued postretirement benefit costs	5.1	(1.2)
Contributions to pension plans	(37.7)	(20.2)
Distributions to noncontrolling interests	(9.3)	(1.6)
Other, net	(9.0)	(13.2)
Net cash provided by continuing operations	664.2	798.5
Net cash used in discontinued operations	(6.2)	(106.0)
Net cash provided by operating activities	658.0	692.5
Cash Flows From Investing Activities		
Additions to property, plant, equipment and mine development	(143.9)	(172.5)
Acquisition of noncontrolling interests (Millennium Mine)		(106.9)
Investment in Prairie State Energy Campus	(41.6)	(28.5)
Federal coal lease expenditures	(123.6)	(178.5)
Proceeds from disposal of assets, net of notes receivable	47.5	36.3
Additions to advance mining royalties	(4.9)	(4.1)
Investments in equity affiliates and joint ventures	(10.0)	(2.7)

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Net cash used in continuing operations	(276.5)	(456.9)
Net cash used in discontinued operations		(1.6)
Net cash used in investing activities	(276.5)	(458.5)
Cash Flows From Financing Activities		
Change in revolving line of credit		(97.7)
Payments of long-term debt	(11.4)	(27.6)
Common stock repurchase		(58.3)
Dividends paid	(48.1)	(48.9)
Excess tax benefit related to stock options exercised		27.5
Proceeds from stock options exercised	1.1	13.7
Change in bank overdraft facility	12.9	10.8
Proceeds from employee stock purchases	5.1	5.2
Net cash used in financing activities	(40.4)	(175.3)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	341.1	58.7
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	449.7	45.3
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 790.8	\$ 104.0

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION
UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

	Peabody Energy Corporation's Stockholders' Equity			Additional		Accumulated		Other		Total
	Common	Paid-in	Treasury	Retained	Comprehensive	Noncontrolling	Stockholders			
	Stock	Capital	Stock	Earnings	Loss	Interests	Equity			
				(Dollars in millions)						
December 31, 2008	\$ 2.8	\$ 2,020.2	\$ (318.8)	\$ 1,802.4	\$ (388.5)	\$ 1.4	\$ 3,119.5			
Comprehensive income:										
Net income				356.0		12.0	368.0			
Increase in fair value of cash flow hedges (net of \$210.5 tax provision)					321.2		321.2			
Postretirement plans and workers compensation obligations (net of \$0.9 tax provision)					1.4		1.4			
Comprehensive income				356.0	322.6	12.0	690.6			
Dividends paid				(48.1)			(48.1)			
Employee stock purchases		5.1					5.1			
Share-based compensation		28.0					28.0			
Stock options exercised		1.1					1.1			
Shares relinquished			(2.2)				(2.2)			
Distributions to noncontrolling interests						(9.3)	(9.3)			
September 30, 2009	\$ 2.8	\$ 2,054.4	\$ (321.0)	\$ 2,110.3	\$ (65.9)	\$ 4.1	\$ 3,784.7			

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(1) Basis of Presentation

The condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Peabody Energy Corporation (the Company) and its affiliates. All intercompany transactions, profits and balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2009 and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, and the notes thereto, are unaudited. However, in the opinion of management, these financial statements reflect all normal, recurring adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the results of the periods presented. The balance sheet information as of December 31, 2008 has been derived from the Company's audited consolidated balance sheet as provided in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on August 6, 2009. The results of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for future quarters or for the year ending December 31, 2009.

The Company classifies items within discontinued operations in the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations when the operations and cash flows of a particular component (defined as operations and cash flows that can be clearly distinguished, operationally and for financial reporting purposes, from the rest of the entity) of the Company have been (or will be) eliminated from the ongoing operations of the Company as a result of a disposal transaction, and the Company will no longer have any significant continuing involvement in the operations of that component. See Note 4 for additional details related to discontinued operations.

(2) Newly Adopted Accounting Standards and Accounting Standards Not Yet Implemented

Newly Adopted Accounting Standards

In May 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued an accounting standard that was effective upon issuance that establishes accounting and disclosure guidance for subsequent events, which are events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. The Company evaluated subsequent events after the balance sheet date of September 30, 2009 through the filing of this report with the SEC on November 6, 2009.

In April 2009, the FASB issued an accounting standard which requires disclosures of the fair value of all financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate that value, whether recognized or not on a company's balance sheet, in interim reporting periods and in financial statements for annual reporting periods. A related standard was also issued in April 2009 which requires entities to disclose the methods and significant assumptions used to estimate the fair value of financial instruments and describe changes in methods and significant assumptions, in both interim and annual financial statements. The Company adopted the standards on June 30, 2009. See Note 15 for further information.

In April 2009, the FASB issued an accounting standard which provides additional guidance for estimating fair value when the volume and level of activity for the asset or liability have significantly decreased. The standard also includes guidance on identifying circumstances that indicate a transaction is not orderly and requires that a reporting entity: (1) disclose in interim and annual periods the inputs and valuation technique(s) used to measure fair value and a discussion of changes in valuation techniques and related inputs, if any, during the period, and (2) define the major category for any equity securities and debt securities to be based on the major security types (nature and risk of the security). The Company adopted the standard on June 30, 2009. While adoption of the standard had an impact on the Company's disclosures, it did not affect the Company's results of operations or financial condition.

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

In June 2008, the FASB issued an accounting standard which addresses whether instruments granted in share-based payment awards that entitle their holders to receive nonforfeitable dividends or dividend equivalents before vesting should be considered participating securities and need to be included in the earnings allocation in computing earnings per share (EPS) under the two-class method. The two-class method is an earnings allocation formula that determines EPS for each class of common stock and participating security according to dividends declared (or accumulated) and participation rights in undistributed earnings. In accordance with the standard, the Company's unvested restricted stock awards are considered participating securities because they entitle holders to receive nonforfeitable dividends during the vesting term. In applying the two-class method, undistributed earnings are allocated between common shares and unvested restricted stock awards. The standard became effective for the Company on January 1, 2009 where the two-class method of computing basic and diluted EPS was applied for all periods presented. See Note 12 for additional information.

In March 2008, the FASB issued an accounting standard which expands the disclosure requirements for derivative instruments and hedging activities. The standard specifically requires entities to provide enhanced disclosures addressing the following: (1) how and why an entity uses derivative instruments, (2) how derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for under the Derivatives and Hedging topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC), and (3) how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect an entity's financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. The standard was effective for the Company for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2009. While the standard had an impact on the Company's disclosures, it did not affect the Company's results of operations or financial condition. These additional disclosures are included in Note 15.

In May 2008, the FASB issued an accounting standard which clarifies that convertible debt instruments that may be settled in cash upon conversion, including partial cash settlement, are not considered debt instruments within the scope of the Debt topic of the FASB ASC. The standard also specifies that issuers of such instruments should separately account for the liability and equity components in a manner that will reflect the issuer's nonconvertible debt borrowing rate when recognizing interest cost in subsequent periods. The standard was effective for the Company for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2009. Prior period balances in this report have been adjusted to conform with these provisions.

In December 2007, the FASB issued an accounting standard which establishes accounting and reporting guidance for noncontrolling interests in partially-owned consolidated subsidiaries and the loss of control of subsidiaries. The standard requires noncontrolling interests (minority interests) to be reported as a separate component of equity. In addition, the standard requires that a parent recognize a gain or loss in net income when a subsidiary is deconsolidated. The standard was effective for the Company for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2009. Prior period balances in this report have been adjusted to conform with these provisions.

In December 2007, the FASB issued an accounting standard which changes the principles and requirements for the recognition and measurement of identifiable assets acquired, liabilities assumed and any noncontrolling interest of an acquiree in the financial statements of an acquirer. This standard also provides for the recognition and measurement of goodwill acquired in a business combination and related disclosure. This standard applies prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning January 1, 2009. In April 2009, the FASB issued additional guidance on this topic, which amends and clarifies the initial recognition and measurement, subsequent measurement and accounting and related disclosures arising from contingencies in a business combination. Under this guidance, assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a business combination that arise from contingencies should be recognized at fair value on the acquisition date if fair value can be determined during the measurement period. If fair value cannot be determined, companies should typically account for the acquired contingencies using existing guidance. This standard is effective for business combinations with an acquisition date that is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning January 1, 2009.

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In August 2009, the FASB issued accounting guidance that clarified the fair value measurement of liabilities in circumstances in which a quoted price in an active market for the identical liability is not available. In those circumstances, an entity is required to measure fair value utilizing one or more of the following techniques: (1) a valuation technique that uses the quoted market price of an identical liability or similar liabilities when traded as assets; or (2) another valuation technique that is consistent with the principles of ASC Topic 820, such as a present value technique or market approach. The guidance also clarified that when estimating the fair value liability, a reporting entity is not required to include a separate input or adjustment to other inputs relating to the existence of a restriction that prevents the transfer of a liability. Additionally, the guidance clarified that both a quoted price in an active market for the identical liability at the measurement date and the quoted price for the identical liability when traded as an asset in an active market when no adjustments to the quoted price of the asset are required are Level 1 fair value measurements. The guidance is effective for the first reporting period, including interim periods, after issuance, which is the fourth quarter of 2009 for the Company. The Company is currently evaluating the effect, if any, the guidance will have on its results of operations and financial condition.

In June 2009, the FASB issued accounting guidance which modifies how a company determines when an entity that is insufficiently capitalized or is not controlled through voting (or similar rights) should be consolidated. The guidance clarifies that the determination of whether a company is required to consolidate an entity is based on, among other things, an entity's purpose and design and a company's ability to direct the activities of the entity that most significantly impact the entity's economic performance. The guidance requires an ongoing reassessment of whether a company is the primary beneficiary of a variable interest entity. It also requires additional disclosures about a company's involvement in variable interest entities and any significant changes in risk exposure due to that involvement. The guidance is applicable for annual periods beginning after November 15, 2009 (January 1, 2010 for the Company). The Company is currently evaluating the effect, if any, the guidance will have on its results of operations and financial condition.

In June 2009, the FASB issued an accounting standard that seeks to improve the relevance, representational faithfulness and comparability of the information that a reporting entity provides in its financial statements about a transfer of financial assets; the effects of a transfer on its financial position, financial performance and cash flows; and a transferor's continuing involvement, if any, in transferred financial assets. The standard is effective for annual periods beginning after November 15, 2009 (January 1, 2010 for the Company). The Company is currently evaluating the effect, if any, the standard will have on its results of operations, financial condition, or cash flows.

In December 2008, the FASB issued an accounting standard to provide for additional transparency on an employer's disclosures about plan assets of a defined benefit pension or other postretirement plan, including the concentrations of risk in those plans. The effective date of the standard is for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2009 (January 1, 2010 for the Company). While the adoption of this standard will have an impact on the Company's disclosures, it will not affect the Company's results of operations or financial condition.

(3) Acquisition of Noncontrolling Interests

In the third quarter of 2008, the Company expanded its Australia coal presence by purchasing the remaining 15.4% share of the Millennium Mine in Queensland, Australia from the former noncontrolling shareholders for \$106.9 million. The purchase price in excess of the noncontrolling interest book value was preliminarily allocated to land and coal interests in the amount of \$55.1 million and deferred taxes in the amount of \$47.4 million. During the third quarter of 2009, a purchase price allocation adjustment was recorded, which reallocated \$3.5 million to deferred taxes and reduced land and coal interests by the same amount. The Millennium Mine was completed in 2007 as part of the Company's expansion to serve seaborne metallurgical coal markets.

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(4) Discontinued Operations

Patriot Coal Corporation

On October 31, 2007, the Company spun-off portions of its formerly Eastern United States (U.S.) Mining operations business segment through a dividend of all outstanding shares of Patriot Coal Corporation (Patriot), which is now an independent public company traded on the New York Stock Exchange (symbol PCX). The spin-off included eight company-operated mines, two joint venture mines, and numerous contractor operated mines serviced by eight coal preparation facilities along with 1.2 billion tons of proven and probable coal reserves.

Revenues from the spun-off operations are the result of supply agreements the Company entered into with Patriot to meet commitments under non-assignable pre-existing customer agreements sourced from Patriot mining operations. The Company makes no profit as part of these arrangements. The loss from discontinued operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 was primarily related to the write-off of a \$19.4 million receivable related to excise taxes previously paid on export shipments produced from discontinued operations. As part of the Patriot spin-off, the Company retained a receivable for excise tax refunds on export shipments that had previously been ruled unconstitutional by the appellate court. The U.S. Supreme Court reversed the appellate court's ruling on April 15, 2008, and the Company recorded the charge to discontinued operations.

In October 2008, the Energy Improvement and Extension Act of 2008 was enacted, which contained provisions that allow for the refund of coal excise tax collected on coal exported from the U.S. between January 1, 1990 and the date of the legislation. The Company's claim for refund was approved by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in 2009. During the nine months ended September 30, 2009 the refund of approximately \$35 million (net of income taxes) was recorded in Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of income taxes in the unaudited condensed consolidated statement of operations. Approximately \$59 million was received during 2009 and is shown in net cash used in discontinued operations as a component of cash flows from operating activities in the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of cash flows.

Baralaba

In December 2008, the Company sold its Baralaba Mine, a non-strategic Australian mine. Income tax benefit for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008 was completely offset by valuation allowances recorded against the deferred tax assets created by operating losses.

Assets Held For Sale

The Company has committed to the divestiture of certain non-strategic Midwestern U.S. mining assets and the divestiture of certain non-strategic Australian mining assets.

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Operating results related to discontinued operations were as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2009		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009	
		2008	2009	2008
	(Dollars in millions)			
Revenues:				
Patriot Coal Corporation	\$ 83.0	\$ 83.8	\$ 222.9	\$ 349.5
Baralaba		5.0		12.4
Assets held for sale	5.6	16.1	20.5	45.6
Total	\$ 88.6	\$ 104.9	\$ 243.4	\$ 407.5
Income (loss) before income taxes:				
Patriot Coal Corporation	\$ (5.0)	\$ (3.3)	\$ 44.2	\$ (23.1)
Baralaba		(5.3)		(15.0)
Assets held for sale	(0.1)	(6.2)	(6.6)	(20.8)
Total	\$ (5.1)	\$ (14.8)	\$ 37.6	\$ (58.9)
Income tax provision (benefit):				
Patriot Coal Corporation	\$ (1.9)	\$ (1.0)	\$ 17.0	\$ (9.1)
Baralaba				
Assets held for sale	(0.8)	(2.4)	(3.0)	(7.7)
Total	\$ (2.7)	\$ (3.4)	\$ 14.0	\$ (16.8)
Income (loss) net of income taxes:				
Patriot Coal Corporation	\$ (3.1)	\$ (2.3)	\$ 27.2	\$ (14.0)
Baralaba		(5.3)		(15.0)
Assets held for sale	0.7	(3.8)	(3.6)	(13.1)
Total	\$ (2.4)	\$ (11.4)	\$ 23.6	\$ (42.1)

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Assets and liabilities related to discontinued operations were as follows:

	September 30, 2009			December 31, 2008		
	Patriot	Assets held for sale	Total	Patriot	Assets held for sale	Total
	(Dollars in millions)					
Assets						
Current assets						
Other current assets	\$ 40.2	\$	\$ 40.2	\$ 51.0	\$	\$ 51.0
Total current assets	40.2		40.2	51.0		51.0
Noncurrent assets						
Investments and other assets		27.3	27.3	4.9	30.4	35.3
Total assets	\$ 40.2	\$ 27.3	\$ 67.5	\$ 55.9	\$ 30.4	\$ 86.3
Liabilities						
Current liabilities						
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 32.6	\$ 3.5	\$ 36.1	\$ 69.1	\$ 5.4	\$ 74.5
Total current liabilities	32.6	3.5	36.1	69.1	5.4	74.5
Noncurrent liabilities						
Other noncurrent liabilities	2.4	12.9	15.3	12.8	14.0	26.8
Total liabilities	\$ 35.0	\$ 16.4	\$ 51.4	\$ 81.9	\$ 19.4	\$ 101.3

Other current assets in the Patriot column included receivables from customers in relation to the supply agreements with Patriot and Accounts payable and accrued expenses in the Patriot column included the amounts due to Patriot on these pass-through transactions.

(5) Assets and Liabilities from Coal Trading Activities

The fair value of assets and liabilities from coal trading activities is set forth below:

	September 30, 2009		December 31, 2008	
	(Dollars in millions)			
	Gross Basis	Net Basis	Gross Basis	Net Basis
Assets from coal trading activities	\$ 1,096.2	\$ 360.4	\$ 1,969.7	\$ 662.8
Liabilities from coal trading activities	(810.5)	(121.3)	(1,548.5)	(304.2)
Subtotal	285.7	239.1	421.2	358.6
Net margin held ⁽¹⁾	(46.6)		(62.6)	
Net value of coal trading positions	\$ 239.1	\$ 239.1	\$ 358.6	\$ 358.6

- (1) Includes net margin held from counterparties of \$49.4 million and net margin posted with counterparties of \$2.8 million at September 30, 2009 and net margin held from counterparties of \$62.6 million at December 31, 2008.

As of September 30, 2009, forward contracts made up 52% and 72% of the Company's trading assets and liabilities, respectively; financial swaps represent most of the remaining balances. The fair value of coal trading positions designated as cash flow hedges of anticipated future sales was an asset of \$136.0 million as of September 30, 2009 and an asset of \$220.4 million as of December 31, 2008. The net value of trading positions, including those designated as hedges of future cash flows, represents the fair value of the trading portfolio.

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As of September 30, 2009, the estimated future realization of the value of the Company's trading portfolio was as follows:

Year of Expiration	Percentage of Portfolio Total
2009	51%
2010	21%
2011	27%
2012	1%
	100%

At September 30, 2009, 65% of the Company's credit exposure related to coal trading activities was with investment grade counterparties and 35% was with non-investment grade counterparties. The Company's coal trading operations traded 36.3 million tons and 64.4 million tons for the three months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively, and 142.9 million tons and 151.4 million tons for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

(6) Resource Management

In March 2008, the Company sold approximately 58 million tons of non-strategic coal reserves and surface lands located in Kentucky for \$21.5 million cash proceeds and a note receivable of \$54.9 million, and recognized a gain of \$54.0 million. The note receivable was paid in two installments, \$30.0 million of which was received in December 2008 with the balance received in June 2009. The non-cash portion of this transaction was excluded from the investing section of the unaudited condensed consolidated statement of cash flows until the cash was received.

(7) Inventories

Inventories as of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 consisted of the following:

	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
	(Dollars in millions)	
Materials and supplies	\$ 115.9	\$ 109.6
Raw coal	76.7	22.7
Saleable coal	164.6	143.9
Total	\$ 357.2	\$ 276.2

Inventory increased during the nine months ended September 30, 2009 primarily due to higher raw and saleable coal volumes and higher value inventories in Australia.

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Accounts payable and accrued expenses consisted of the following:

	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
	(Dollars in millions)	
Trade accounts payable	\$ 331.2	\$ 427.2
Accrued taxes other than income	194.8	170.8
Other accrued expenses	168.1	126.8
Accrued payroll and related benefits	114.0	120.2
Accrued health care	82.6	82.5
Income taxes payable	79.5	142.7
Accrued royalties	59.3	77.7
Commodity and foreign currency hedge contracts	54.4	261.1
Accrued interest	49.7	31.1
Workers' compensation obligations	8.7	8.7
Accrued environmental	6.4	7.6
Other accrued benefits	3.6	4.1
Liabilities associated with discontinued operations	32.6	69.1
Liabilities associated with assets held for sale	3.5	5.4
Total accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 1,188.4	\$ 1,535.0

(9) Income Taxes

The income tax rate differed from the U.S. federal statutory rate as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	(Dollars in millions)			
Federal statutory rate	\$ 59.6	\$ 156.1	\$ 178.5	\$ 302.1
Excess depletion	(1.1)	(17.4)	(35.9)	(35.5)
Foreign earnings rate differential	(19.6)	(23.8)	(43.3)	(49.2)
Remeasurement of foreign taxes	22.3	(62.7)	69.1	(29.3)
State income taxes, net of U.S. federal tax benefit	3.0	3.2	5.0	4.6
Tax credits	0.3	(3.4)	(10.0)	(9.6)
Changes in valuation allowance	3.0	2.3	9.5	(41.6)
Changes in tax reserves	1.3	1.0	4.4	2.0
Other, net	(11.8)	7.2	(11.7)	11.9
Total provision	\$ 57.0	\$ 62.5	\$ 165.6	\$ 155.4

The change in the deferred tax balances during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 were driven by changes in the Company's cash flow hedges, remeasurement of foreign income tax accounts and utilization of net operating loss carryforwards.

The total amount of the net unrecognized tax benefits was \$176.9 million (\$186.3 million gross) at December 31, 2008. As a result of the Company's ongoing IRS audit for the 2005 and 2006 tax years, the Company reduced the amount of the net unrecognized tax benefits by \$80.6 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2009. The corresponding adjustment was a reduction of the deferred tax asset associated with net operating losses.

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(10) Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The following table sets forth the after-tax components of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) for the nine months ended September 30, 2009:

			Net Actuarial Loss Associated with Postretirement	Prior Service Cost Associated With Postretirement Plans (Dollars in millions)	Cash Flow Hedges	Total Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss
	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustment		Plans and Workers Compensation Obligations			
December 31, 2008	\$ 3.1	\$	(220.4)	\$ (18.7)	\$ (152.5)	\$ (388.5)
Net increase in value of cash flow hedges					210.8	210.8
Reclassification from other comprehensive income to earnings			8.9	1.3	110.4	120.6
Current period change			(8.8)			(8.8)
September 30, 2009	\$ 3.1	\$	(220.3)	\$ (17.4)	\$ 168.7	\$ (65.9)

Comprehensive income (loss) differs from net income by the amount of unrealized gain or loss resulting from valuation changes of the Company's cash flow hedges (which include fuel and explosives hedges, currency hedges, traded coal index contracts and interest rate swaps) and the change in actuarial loss and prior service cost. The values of the Company's cash flow hedging instruments are primarily affected by changes in interest rates, crude oil, diesel fuel, natural gas and coal prices and the U.S. dollar/Australian dollar exchange rate. The change in the value of the cash flow hedges during 2009 was primarily due to the strengthening of the Australian dollar against the U.S. dollar.

(11) Long-Term Debt***Convertible Junior Subordinated Debentures***

As discussed in Note 2, the Company adopted an accounting standard which clarifies that convertible debt instruments that may be settled in cash upon conversion, including partial cash settlement, are not considered debt instruments. The standard also specifies that issuers of such instruments should separately account for the liability and equity components in a manner that will reflect the issuer's nonconvertible debt borrowing rate when recognizing interest cost in subsequent periods.

The following table illustrates the effect on the Company's interest expense amount in the statements of operations:

Three Months Ended	Nine Months Ended
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	September 30, 2008	September 30, 2008
	(Dollars in millions)	
As previously stated	\$ 54.1	\$ 171.0
Increase due to application of new standard	0.3	0.6
As adjusted	\$ 54.4	\$ 171.6

For the periods presented, there was no change to the Company's EPS figures related to the retrospective application of the allocation of the Company's convertible debt between debt and equity components and the related impact on interest expense.

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The following table illustrates the carrying amount of the equity and debt components of the Company's Convertible Junior Subordinated Debentures (the Debentures) as of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008:

	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
	(Dollars in millions)	
Carrying amount of the equity component	\$ 215.4	\$ 215.4
Principal amount of the liability component	\$ 732.5	\$ 732.5
Unamortized discount	(361.4)	(362.6)
Net carrying amount	\$ 371.1	\$ 369.9

The following tables illustrate the effective interest rate and the interest expense related to the Debentures:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	(Dollars in millions)		(Dollars in millions)	
Effective interest rate	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%
Interest expense contractual interest coupon	\$ 8.7	\$ 8.7	\$ 26.1	\$ 26.1
Interest expense amortization of debt discount	0.4	0.4	1.2	1.1

The remaining period over which the discount will be amortized is 32.2 years as of September 30, 2009.

For additional information describing the Company's Debentures, including the conditions under which they are convertible, see Note 12 to the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on August 6, 2009.

There were no other significant changes to the Company's long-term debt since December 31, 2008.

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(12) Earnings Per Share

As discussed in Note 2, the Company began using the two-class method to compute basic and diluted EPS for all periods presented. The following illustrates the earnings allocation method utilized in the calculation of basic and diluted EPS.

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,					
	2009	2008	2009	2008				
	(Dollars in millions, except share and per share amounts)							
Basic earnings per share:								
Income from continuing operations, net of income taxes	\$	113.2	\$	383.2	\$	344.4	\$	707.6
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests		(4.0)		(2.3)		(12.0)		(5.7)
Income from continuing operations attributable to common stockholders before allocation of earnings to participating securities		109.2		380.9		332.4		701.9
Less: Earnings allocated to participating securities		(0.7)		(2.1)		(2.3)		(3.7)
Income from continuing operations attributable to common stockholders		108.5		378.8		330.1		698.2
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of income taxes		(2.4)		(11.4)		23.6		(42.1)
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$	106.1	\$	367.4	\$	353.7	\$	656.1
Diluted earnings per share:								
Income from continuing operations attributable to common stockholders before allocation of earnings to participating securities	\$	109.2	\$	380.9	\$	332.4	\$	701.9
Less: Earnings allocated to participating securities		(0.7)		(2.1)		(2.3)		(3.7)
Income from continuing operations attributable to common stockholders before the reallocation of the earnings of participating securities		108.5		378.8		330.1		698.2
Reallocation of the earnings of participating securities		108.5		378.8		330.1		698.2

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Income from continuing operations attributable to common stockholders				
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	(2.4)	(11.4)	23.6	(42.1)
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 106.1	\$ 367.4	\$ 353.7	\$ 656.1
Weighted average shares outstanding basic	265,675,383	270,192,203	265,430,318	269,797,796
Dilutive impact of share-based compensation ⁽¹⁾	1,592,012	1,615,039	1,848,321	1,903,835
Weighted average shares outstanding diluted ⁽²⁾	267,267,395	271,807,242	267,278,639	271,701,631
Basic earnings per share attributable to common stockholders:				
Income from continuing operations	\$ 0.41	\$ 1.40	\$ 1.24	\$ 2.59
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	(0.01)	(0.04)	0.09	(0.16)
Net income	\$ 0.40	\$ 1.36	\$ 1.33	\$ 2.43
Diluted earnings per share attributable to common stockholders:				
Income from continuing operations	\$ 0.41	\$ 1.39	\$ 1.23	\$ 2.57
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	(0.01)	(0.04)	0.09	(0.15)
Net income	\$ 0.40	\$ 1.35	\$ 1.32	\$ 2.42

(1) Includes the dilutive impact of stock options, restricted stock awards, deferred stock units, employee stock purchase plan and performance units.

(2) Weighted average shares outstanding

excludes
anti-dilutive
shares totaling
0.1 million and
0.2 million for
the three months
ended
September 30,
2009 and 2008,
respectively,
and 0.3 million
and 0.2 million
for the nine
months ended
September 30,
2009 and 2008,
respectively.

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Net periodic pension benefit included the following components:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	(Dollars in millions)			
Service cost for benefits earned	\$ 0.4	\$ 0.5	\$ 1.1	\$ 1.5
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	12.8	12.7	38.4	38.1
Expected return on plan assets	(15.2)	(15.1)	(45.6)	(45.4)
Amortization of prior service cost, actuarial loss and other	0.8	0.1	2.5	0.3
Net periodic pension benefit	\$ (1.2)	\$ (1.8)	\$ (3.6)	\$ (5.5)

Net periodic postretirement benefit costs included the following components:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	(Dollars in millions)			
Service cost for benefits earned	\$ 2.7	\$ 2.4	\$ 7.9	\$ 7.6
Interest cost on accumulated postretirement benefit obligation	13.8	13.4	41.3	40.5
Amortization of prior service cost and actuarial loss	4.0	4.3	11.8	13.3
Net periodic postretirement benefit costs	\$ 20.5	\$ 20.1	\$ 61.0	\$ 61.4

(14) Segment Information

The Company reports its operations primarily through the following reportable operating segments: Western U.S. Mining, Midwestern U.S. Mining, Australian Mining and Trading and Brokerage. The Company's chief operating decision maker uses Adjusted EBITDA as the primary measure of segment profit and loss. Adjusted EBITDA is defined as income from continuing operations before deducting net interest expense, income taxes, asset retirement obligation expense and depreciation, depletion and amortization.

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Operating segment results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008 were as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	(Dollars in millions)			
Revenues:				
Western U.S. Mining	\$ 683.6	\$ 624.9	\$ 1,972.8	\$ 1,860.8
Midwestern U.S. Mining	327.5	297.6	978.0	845.2
Australian Mining	537.3	781.1	1,206.6	1,589.3
Trading and Brokerage	112.9	181.5	284.8	352.9
Corporate and Other	5.7	4.5	16.0	18.9
Total	\$ 1,667.0	\$ 1,889.6	\$ 4,458.2	\$ 4,667.1
Adjusted EBITDA:				
Western U.S. Mining	\$ 208.6	\$ 155.7	\$ 543.9	\$ 497.4
Midwestern U.S. Mining	67.0	46.9	207.4	126.0
Australian Mining	108.2	423.1	319.1	668.6
Trading and Brokerage	44.2	52.7	145.2	182.5
Corporate and Other ⁽¹⁾	(86.9)	(64.6)	(222.9)	(131.3)
Total	\$ 341.1	\$ 613.8	\$ 992.7	\$ 1,343.2

(1) Corporate and Other results include the gains on the disposal or exchange of assets discussed in Note 6.

A reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to consolidated income from continuing operations, net of income taxes follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	(Dollars in millions)			
Total Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 341.1	\$ 613.8	\$ 992.7	\$ 1,343.2
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	108.0	101.7	305.5	284.4
Asset retirement obligation expense	12.8	15.5	31.8	31.2
Interest expense	52.3	54.4	151.6	171.6
Interest income	(2.2)	(3.5)	(6.2)	(7.0)
Income tax provision	57.0	62.5	165.6	155.4

Income from continuing operations, net of income taxes	\$ 113.2	\$ 383.2	\$ 344.4	\$ 707.6
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(15) Risk Management and Fair Value Measurements

Risk Management Non Coal Trading

The Company is exposed to various types of risk in the normal course of business, including fluctuations in commodity prices, interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates. These risks are actively monitored in an effort to ensure compliance with the risk management policies of the Company. In most cases, commodity price risk (excluding coal trading activities) related to the sale of coal is mitigated through the use of long-term, fixed-price contracts rather than financial instruments. Commodity price risk (diesel fuel and explosives), interest rate risk and foreign currency exchange risk are discussed in detail below.

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The Company is exposed to interest rate risk on its fixed rate and variable rate long-term debt. The interest rate risk associated with the fair value of the Company's fixed rate borrowings is managed using fixed-to-floating interest rate swaps to effectively convert a portion of the underlying cash flows on the debt into variable rate cash flows. The Company designates these swaps as fair value hedges, with the objective of hedging against changes in the fair value of the fixed rate debt that results from market interest rate changes. The interest rate risk associated with the Company's variable rate borrowings is managed using floating-to-fixed interest rate swaps. The Company designates these swaps as cash flow hedges, with the objective of reducing the variability of cash flows associated with market interest rate changes.

Foreign Currency Risk

The Company is exposed to foreign currency exchange rate risk on Australian dollar expenditures made in its Australian Mining segment. This risk is managed by entering into forward contracts and options that the Company designates as cash flow hedges, with the objective of reducing the variability of cash flows associated with forecasted Australian dollar expenditures.

Diesel Fuel and Explosives Hedges

The Company is exposed to commodity price risk associated with diesel fuel in the U.S. and Australia and explosives in the U.S. Explosives costs, and a portion of the diesel fuel costs, in Australia are included in the fees paid to the Company's contract miners. This risk is managed through the use of fixed price contracts, cost plus contracts and derivatives, primarily swaps. The Company has generally designated the swap contracts as cash flow hedges, with the objective of reducing the variability of cash flows associated with the forecasted purchase of diesel fuel and explosives.

The following summarizes the Company's interest rate, foreign currency and commodity positions at September 30, 2009:

	Notional Amount by Year of Maturity						2014 and thereafter
	Total	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
Interest Rate Swaps							
Fixed-to-floating (dollars in millions)	\$ 50.0	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$50.0	\$
Floating-to-fixed (dollars in millions)	\$ 142.0	\$	\$	\$120.0	\$	\$	\$22.0
Foreign Currency							
A\$:US\$ hedge contracts (A\$ millions)	\$2,518.5	\$315.2	\$1,099.3	\$759.0	\$345.0	\$	\$
Commodity Contracts							
Diesel fuel hedge contracts (million gallons)	183.9	25.1	69.4	56.5	32.9		
U.S. explosives hedge contracts (million MMBtu)	3.7	0.7	3.0				

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	Account Classification by			
	Cash flow hedge	Fair value hedge	Economic hedge	Fair Value Asset (Liability) (Dollars in millions)
Interest Rate Swaps				
Fixed-to-floating (dollars in millions)	\$	\$50.0	\$	\$ 0.9
Floating-to-fixed (dollars in millions)	\$ 142.0	\$	\$	\$ (11.0)
Foreign Currency				
A\$:US\$ hedge contracts (A\$ millions)	\$2,518.5	\$	\$	\$ 175.4
Commodity Contracts				
Diesel fuel hedge contracts (million gallons)	182.0		1.9	\$ (68.2)
U.S. explosives hedge contracts (million MMBtu)	3.7			\$ (6.3)

Hedge Ineffectiveness

The Company assesses both at inception and at least quarterly thereafter, whether the derivatives used in hedging activities are highly effective at offsetting the changes in the anticipated cash flows of the hedged item. The effective portion of the change in the fair value is recorded as a separate component of stockholders' equity until the hedged transaction impacts reported earnings, whereby gains and losses are reclassified to the consolidated statements of operations in conjunction with the recognition of the underlying hedged item. The ineffective portion of the derivative's change in fair value is recorded in the consolidated statements of operations. In addition, if the hedging relationship ceases to be highly effective, or it becomes probable that a forecasted transaction is no longer expected to occur, gains and losses on the derivative are recorded to the consolidated statements of operations.

A measure of ineffectiveness is inherent in hedging future diesel fuel purchases with derivative positions based on crude oil or other mid-distillate commodities, especially given the recent volatility in the prices of refined products.

The Company's hedging of future explosives purchases also has an inherent measure of ineffectiveness as the derivative positions are primarily based on natural gas, which closely matches the contractual purchase price of explosives since price changes occur in a constant ratio of MMBtu per ton in the manufacture of explosives and generally carry a fixed surcharge.

With respect to the interest rate swaps, there was no hedge ineffectiveness recognized in the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations for these instruments during the three or nine months ended September 30, 2009.

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The table below shows the classification and amounts of pre-tax gains and losses related to the Company's non-trading hedges during the three months ended September 30, 2009:

Financial Instrument	Income Statement	Gain (loss) recognized in income on non	Gain (loss) recognized in other comprehensive income on derivative (effective portion)	Gain (loss) reclassified from other comprehensive income into income (ineffective portion)	Gain (loss) reclassified from other comprehensive income into income (ineffective portion)
Classification	Gains (Losses)	designated derivatives (1)	income on derivative (effective portion)	income into income (effective portion)	income into income (ineffective portion)
(Dollars in millions)					
Interest rate swaps:					
- Cash flow hedges	Interest expense	\$	\$	(1.2)	\$
Diesel fuel hedge contracts:					
- Cash flow hedges	Operating costs and expenses		(5.7)	(20.0)	1.0
- Economic hedges	Operating costs and expenses	(0.4)			
Explosives cash flow hedge contracts:					
- Cash flow hedges	Operating costs and expenses		2.2	(1.6)	
- Economic hedges	Operating costs and expenses	(1.3)			
Foreign currency cash flow hedge contracts	Operating costs and expenses		151.9	5.6	
Total		\$ (1.7)	\$ 147.2	\$ (19.4)	\$ 1.0

(1) Amounts relate to diesel fuel and explosives hedge derivatives that were de-designated during the three months ended March 31, 2009.

The table below shows the classification and amounts of pre-tax gains and losses related to the Company's non-trading hedges during the nine months ended September 30, 2009:

Gain (loss)	Gain (loss)	Gain (loss)	Gain (loss)
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Financial Instrument	Income Statement	recognized	recognized	reclassified	reclassified
		in	in other	from	from
		income	comprehensive	other	other
Classification	Gains (Losses)	on	income on	income into	income into
		non	designated	income	income
		derivatives	derivatives	(effective	(ineffective
	Realized	(1)	(effective	portion)	portion)
(Dollars in millions)					
Interest rate swaps:					
- Cash flow hedges	Interest expense	\$	\$	(1.1)	\$
Diesel fuel hedge contracts:					
- Cash flow hedges	Operating costs and expenses			35.6	(72.7)
- Economic hedges	Operating costs and expenses	(1.1)			1.2
Explosives cash flow hedge contracts:					
- Cash flow hedges	Operating costs and expenses			(2.0)	(11.9)
- Economic hedges	Operating costs and expenses	(2.1)			
Foreign currency cash flow hedge contracts	Operating costs and expenses			402.4	(54.0)
Total		\$ (3.2)	\$	434.9	\$ (148.3)
					\$ 1.2

(1) Amounts relate to diesel fuel and explosives hedge derivatives that were de-designated during the three months ended March 31, 2009.

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Derivatives and hedge accounting guidance requires that an entity recognize all derivatives as either assets or liabilities in the statement of financial position and measure those instruments at fair value. As of September 30, 2009, the classification and amount of derivatives are as follows:

Financial Instrument	Current Assets (1)	Fair Value		Noncurrent Liabilities (4)
		Noncurrent Assets (2)	Current Liabilities (3)	
		(Dollars in millions)		
Interest rate swaps:				
- Fair value hedges	\$	\$ 0.9	\$	\$
- Cash flow hedges				11.0
Diesel fuel hedge contracts:				
- Cash flow hedges			47.4	19.7
- Economic hedges			1.1	
Explosives cash flow hedge contracts:				
- Cash flow hedges			5.9	0.4
Foreign currency cash flow hedge contracts	79.9	95.5		
Total	\$ 79.9	\$ 96.4	\$ 54.4	\$ 31.1

(1) Included in
Other current
assets in the
condensed
consolidated
balance sheet.

(2) Included in
Investments and
other assets in
the condensed
consolidated
balance sheet.

(3) Included in
Accounts
payable and
accrued
expenses in the
condensed
consolidated
balance sheet.

(4) Included in
Other

noncurrent
liabilities in the
condensed
consolidated
balance sheet.

The Company elected the trading exemption under generally accepted accounting principles in the U.S., which allows alternate disclosures for its coal trading transactions. The trading exemption provides for a limited exemption if an entity's policy is to include these instruments as a part of its trading book. For further information, see Risk Management - Coal Trading below.

Risk Management - Coal Trading

The Company engages in direct and brokered trading of coal, ocean freight and fuel-related commodities in over-the-counter markets. Except those for which the Company has elected to apply a normal purchases and normal sales exception, all derivative coal trading contracts are accounted for on a fair value basis, defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. For certain derivative coal trading contracts, the Company establishes fair values using bid/ask price quotations or other market assessments obtained from multiple, independent third-party brokers to value coal, freight and emission allowance positions from the over-the-counter market. Prices from these sources are then averaged to obtain trading position values. While the Company does not anticipate any decrease in the number of third-party brokers or market liquidity, the Company could experience difficulty in valuing its market positions should the number of third-party brokers decrease or if market liquidity is reduced. For its exchange-cleared positions, the Company utilizes exchange-published settlement prices. Non-derivative coal contracts and derivative contracts for which the Company has elected to apply a normal purchases and normal sales exception are accounted for on an accrual basis. See Note 5 for information related to the maturity and valuation of its trading portfolio.

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	Three Months Ended September 30, 2009	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009
	(Dollars in millions)	
Trading Revenue by Type of Instrument		
Commodity swaps and options	\$ 52.6	\$ 138.6
Physical commodity purchase / sale contracts	11.9	69.3
Total trading revenue	\$ 64.5	\$ 207.9

Trading revenues are recorded in Other revenues in the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations and include realized and unrealized gains and losses on both derivative instruments and realized gains and losses on nonderivative instruments.

Hedge Ineffectiveness

In some instances, the Company has designated an existing coal trading derivative as a hedge and, thus, the derivative has a non-zero fair value at hedge inception. The off-market nature of these derivatives, which is best described as an embedded financing element within the derivative, is a source of ineffectiveness. In other instances, the Company uses a coal trading derivative that settles at a time later than the occurrence of the cash flow being hedged. The hedge yields ineffectiveness to the extent that the derivative hedge contract is not highly effective in offsetting changes in the fair value of the hedged item.

Nonperformance and Credit Risk

The Company's concentration of nonperformance and credit risk is substantially with electric utilities, steel producers, energy producers and energy marketers. The Company's policy is to independently evaluate each customer's creditworthiness prior to entering into transactions and to regularly monitor the credit extended. If the Company engages in a transaction with a counterparty that does not meet its credit standards, the Company seeks to protect its position by requiring the counterparty to provide an appropriate credit enhancement. Also, when appropriate (as determined by its credit management function), the Company has taken steps to reduce its exposure to customers or counterparties whose credit has deteriorated and who may pose a higher risk of failure to perform under their contractual obligations. These steps include obtaining letters of credit or cash collateral, requiring prepayments for shipments or the creation of customer trust accounts held for the Company's benefit to serve as collateral in the event of a failure to pay or perform. To reduce its credit exposure related to trading and brokerage activities, the Company seeks to enter into netting agreements with counterparties that permit the Company to offset receivables and payables with such counterparties and, to the extent required, will post or receive margin amounts associated with exchange-cleared positions.

The Company conducts its various hedging activities related to foreign currency, interest rate, and fuel and explosives exposures with a variety of highly-rated commercial banks. In light of the recent turmoil in the financial markets the Company continues to closely monitor counterparty creditworthiness.

Certain of the Company's derivative instruments require the parties to provide additional performance assurances whenever a material adverse event jeopardizes one party's ability to perform under the instrument. In the event the Company were to sustain a material adverse event (using commercially reasonable standards), the counterparties could request collateralization on derivative instruments in net liability positions, which based on an aggregate fair value on September 30, 2009, could require the Company to post up to \$73.0 million of collateral to its counterparties.

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Certain of the Company's other derivative instruments require the parties to provide additional performance assurances whenever a credit downgrade occurs below a certain level as specified in each underlying contract. The terms of such instruments typically require additional collateralization on an incremental basis, which is commensurate with the severity of the credit downgrade. As of September 30, 2009, if a credit downgrade were to occur below a certain level, the Company's additional collateral requirements are estimated to be approximately \$20 million (for which the Company currently has posted approximately \$3 million) to its counterparties based on the aggregate fair value of all derivative instruments with such features that are in a net liability position.

The Company is required to post collateral for its exchange settled positions for its entire net liability position, which was \$1.3 million as of September 30, 2009. In addition, as of September 30, 2009, the Company has posted \$26.6 million of collateral to meet the requirements of the respective exchanges (reflected in Other current assets).

Fair Value Measurements

In accordance with the Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures topic of the FASB ASC, the Company uses a three-level fair value hierarchy that categorizes assets and liabilities measured at fair value based on the observability of the inputs utilized in the valuation. These levels include: Level 1, inputs are quoted prices in active markets for the identical assets or liabilities; Level 2, inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are directly or indirectly observable through market-corroborated inputs; and Level 3, inputs are unobservable, or observable but cannot be market-corroborated, requiring the Company to make assumptions about pricing by market participants.

The following table sets forth as of September 30, 2009 the hierarchy of the Company's net financial asset positions for which fair value is measured on a recurring basis:

	Level 1	Level 2 (Dollars in millions)	Level 3	Total
Commodity swaps and options – coal trading activities	\$ 7.3	\$ 140.2	\$	\$ 147.5
Commodity swaps and options – other than coal		(74.5)		(74.5)
Physical commodity purchase/sale contracts – coal trading activities		87.4	4.2	91.6
Interest rate swaps		(10.1)		(10.1)
Foreign currency hedge contracts		175.4		175.4
Total net financial assets	\$ 7.3	\$ 318.4	\$ 4.2	\$ 329.9

For Level 1 and 2 financial assets and liabilities, the Company utilizes both direct and indirect observable price quotes, including LIBOR yield curves, New York Mercantile Exchange indices and other market quotes. Below is a summary of the Company's valuation techniques for Level 1 and 2 financial assets and liabilities:

Commodity swaps and options – coal trading activities: generally valued based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets (Level 1) or a valuation that is corroborated by the use of market-based pricing (Level 2).

Commodity swaps and options – other than coal: generally valued based on a valuation that is corroborated by the use of market-based pricing (Level 2).

Physical commodity purchase/sale contracts – coal trading activities: purchases and sales at locations with significant market activity corroborated by market-based information (Level 2).

Interest rate swaps: valued based on quoted inputs from counterparties corroborated with observable market data (Level 2).

Foreign currency hedge contracts: valued utilizing inputs obtained in quoted public markets (Level 2).

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Commodity swaps and options and physical commodity purchase/sale contracts transacted in less liquid markets or contracts, such as long-term arrangements with limited price availability were classified in Level 3. These instruments or contracts are valued based on quoted inputs from brokers or counterparties, or reflect methodologies that consider historical relationships among similar commodities to derive the Company's best estimate of fair value. The Company has consistently applied these valuation techniques in all periods presented, and believes it has obtained the most accurate information available for the types of derivative contracts held.

The following table summarizes the changes in the Company's recurring Level 3 net financial assets:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	(Dollars in millions)			
Beginning of period	\$ 2.4	\$ 378.7	\$ 37.8	\$ 128.7
Total gains or losses (realized/unrealized):				
Included in earnings	1.1	(377.3)	1.4	(40.8)
Included in other comprehensive income	0.2	41.9	(5.9)	(11.9)
Purchases, issuances and settlements	(6.0)	42.2	(26.3)	41.7
Net transfers in (out)	6.5	51.5	(2.8)	19.3
End of period	\$ 4.2	\$ 137.0	\$ 4.2	\$ 137.0

The following table summarizes the changes in unrealized gains (losses) relating to Level 3 net financial assets held both as of the beginning and the end of the period:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	(Dollars in millions)			
Changes in unrealized gains (losses) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0.5	\$ (175.2)	\$ 0.5	\$ 50.8

(1) Within the unaudited condensed consolidated statement of operations for the periods presented, unrealized gains and losses from Level 3 items are combined with unrealized gains and losses

on positions
classified in
Level 1 or 2, as
well as other
positions that
have been
realized during
the applicable
periods.

Fair Value Other Financial Instruments

The following methods and assumptions were used by the Company in estimating its fair value disclosures for other financial instruments as of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008:

Cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable and accrued expenses have carrying values which approximate fair value due to the short maturity or the financial nature of these instruments.

Long-term debt fair value estimates are based on observed prices for securities with an active trading market when available, and otherwise on estimated borrowing rates to discount the cash flows to their present value. The carrying amounts of the 7.875% Senior Notes due 2026 and the Debentures due 2066 are net of the respective unamortized note discounts.

Interest rate swaps are valued based on quoted inputs from counterparties corroborated with observable market data (Level 2).

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The carrying amounts and estimated fair values of the Company's debt are summarized as follows:

	September 30, 2009		December 31, 2008	
	Carrying	Estimated	Carrying	Estimated
	Amount	Fair	Amount	Fair
		Value		Value
		(Dollars in millions)		
Long-term debt	\$ 2,776.9	\$ 2,755.3	\$ 2,793.6	\$ 2,472.1

**(16) Commitments
and
Contingencies**

Commitments

As of September 30, 2009, purchase commitments currently outstanding for capital expenditures were \$61.5 million.

From time to time, the Company or its subsidiaries are involved in legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business or related to indemnities or historical operations. The Company believes it has recorded adequate reserves for these liabilities and that there is no individual case pending that is likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. The Company discusses its significant legal proceedings below.

Litigation Relating to Continuing Operations***Navajo Nation Litigation***

On June 18, 1999, the Navajo Nation served three of the Company's subsidiaries, including Peabody Western Coal Company (Peabody Western), with a complaint that had been filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. The Navajo Nation has alleged 16 claims, including Civil Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) violations and fraud. The complaint alleges that the defendants jointly participated in unlawful activity to obtain favorable coal lease amendments. The plaintiff is seeking various remedies including actual damages of at least \$600 million, which could be trebled under the RICO counts, punitive damages of at least \$1 billion, a determination that Peabody Western's two coal leases have terminated due to Peabody Western's breach of these leases and a reformation of these leases to adjust the royalty rate to 20%. Subsequently, the court allowed the Hopi Tribe to intervene in this lawsuit and the Hopi Tribe is also seeking unspecified actual damages, punitive damages and reformation of its coal lease. One of the Company's subsidiaries named as a defendant is now a subsidiary of Patriot. However, the Company is responsible for this litigation under the Separation Agreement entered into with Patriot in connection with the spin-off. On April 6, 2009, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against the Navajo Nation in a related case against the U.S. Government, and remanded that case to the lower court to dismiss the complaint. The U.S. Supreme Court said that none of the sources relied on by the Navajo Nation provided a basis for its breach-of-trust lawsuit against the U.S. Government, which undermines some of the claims the Navajo Nation asserts in its litigation against the Company.

The outcome of this litigation is subject to numerous uncertainties. Based on the Company's evaluation of the issues and their potential impact, the amount of any future loss cannot be reasonably estimated. However, based on current information, the Company believes this matter is likely to be resolved without a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

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Gulf Power Company Litigation

On June 22, 2006, Gulf Power Company (Gulf Power) filed a breach of contract lawsuit against a Company subsidiary in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida, contesting the force majeure declaration by the Company's subsidiary under a coal supply agreement with Gulf Power and seeking damages for alleged past and future tonnage shortfalls of nearly 5 million tons under the agreement, which expired on December 31, 2007. In February 2008, the court denied the Company's motion to dismiss the Florida lawsuit or to transfer it to Illinois and retained jurisdiction over the case. Gulf Power filed a motion for partial summary judgment on liability, and the Company subsidiary filed a motion for summary judgment seeking complete dismissal. On September 30, 2009, the court granted Gulf Power's motion for partial summary judgment and denied the Company subsidiary's motion for summary judgment. The court has scheduled the damages portion of the trial for February 2010. In October 2009, the Company subsidiary filed a motion for reconsideration which is pending before the court.

The outcome of this litigation is subject to numerous uncertainties. Based on the Company's evaluation of the issues and their potential impact, the amount of any future loss cannot reasonably be estimated. However, based on current information, the Company believes this matter is likely to be resolved without a material adverse effect on its financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Claims and Litigation Relating to Indemnities or Historical Operations

Oklahoma Lead Litigation

Gold Fields Mining, LLC (Gold Fields) is a dormant, non-coal producing entity that was previously managed and owned by Hanson PLC, the Company's predecessor owner. In a February 1997 spin-off, Hanson PLC transferred ownership of Gold Fields to the Company, despite the fact that Gold Fields had no ongoing operations and the Company had no prior involvement in its past operations. Gold Fields is currently one of the Company's subsidiaries. The Company indemnified TXU Group with respect to certain claims relating to a former affiliate of Gold Fields. A predecessor of Gold Fields formerly operated two lead mills near Picher, Oklahoma prior to the 1950s and mined, in accordance with lease agreements and permits, approximately 0.15% of the total amount of the crude ore mined in the county.

Gold Fields and several other companies are defendants in two property damage lawsuits arising from past operations near Picher, Oklahoma. The plaintiffs are seeking compensatory damages for diminution in property values and punitive damages. These cases were originally filed as putative class actions, but the court has denied class certification and the cases were subsequently amended to include a number of individual plaintiffs. In December 2003, the Quapaw Indian tribe and certain Quapaw land owners filed a lawsuit against Gold Fields, five other companies and the U.S. The plaintiffs are seeking compensatory and punitive damages based on a variety of theories. In December 2007, the court dismissed the tribe's medical monitoring claim. In July 2008, the court dismissed the tribe's claim for interim and lost use damages under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act without prejudice to refile at the point the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) selects a final remedy for the site. Gold Fields has filed a third-party complaint against the U.S. and other parties. In February 2005, the state of Oklahoma on behalf of itself and several other parties sent a notice to Gold Fields and other companies regarding a possible natural resources damage claim. All of the lawsuits are pending in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma.

The outcome of litigation and these claims are subject to numerous uncertainties. Based on the Company's evaluation of the issues and their potential impact, the amount of any future loss cannot be reasonably estimated. However, based on current information, the Company believes this matter is likely to be resolved without a material adverse effect on its financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

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Environmental Claims and Litigation

Gold Fields

Environmental claims have been asserted against Gold Fields related to activities of Gold Fields or a former affiliate. Gold Fields or the former affiliate has been named a potentially responsible party (PRP) at five national priority list sites based on the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986. Claims were asserted at 12 additional sites, bringing the total to 17, which have since been reduced to 13 by completion of work, transfer or regulatory inactivity. The number of PRP sites in and of itself is not a relevant measure of liability, because the nature and extent of environmental concerns varies by site, as does the estimated share of responsibility for Gold Fields or the former affiliate. Undiscounted liabilities for environmental cleanup-related costs for all of the sites noted above were \$47.3 million as of September 30, 2009 and \$45.3 million as of December 31, 2008, \$6.4 million and \$7.6 million of which was reflected as a current liability, respectively. These amounts represent those costs that the Company believes are probable and reasonably estimable. In September 2005, Gold Fields and other PRPs received a letter from the U.S. Department of Justice alleging that the PRP's mining operations caused the EPA to incur approximately \$125 million in residential yard remediation costs at Picher, Oklahoma and will cause the EPA to incur additional remediation costs relating to historical mining sites. In September 2008, Gold Fields and other PRPs received letters from the U.S. Department of Justice and the EPA re-initiating settlement negotiations. Gold Fields continues to participate in the settlement discussions. Gold Fields believes it has meritorious defenses to these claims. Gold Fields is involved in other litigation in the Picher area, and the Company indemnified TXU Group with respect to a defendant as is more fully discussed under the Oklahoma Lead Litigation caption above. Gold Fields has also been contacted by the State of Kansas (Kansas Department of Health and Environment) and is in negotiations for final resolution of natural resource damages claims at two sites. Significant uncertainty exists as to whether claims will be pursued against Gold Fields in all cases, and where they are pursued, the amount of the eventual costs and liabilities, which could be greater or less than the liabilities recorded in the condensed consolidated balance sheets. Based on the Company's evaluation of the issues and their potential impact, the amount of any future loss cannot be reasonably estimated. However, based on current information, the Company believes these claims and litigation are likely to be resolved without a material adverse effect on its financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Comer, et al v. Murphy Oil Co., et al.

In April 2006, residents and owners of land and property along the Mississippi Gulf coast filed a purported class action lawsuit in the U.S. District Court in the Southern District of Mississippi against more than 45 oil, chemical, utility and coal companies, including the Company. The plaintiffs alleged that defendants' greenhouse gas emissions were a proximate and direct cause of the increase in the destructive capacity of Hurricane Katrina, and sought damages based on several legal theories. The defendants filed motions to dismiss on the grounds of lack of personal and subject matter jurisdiction. In August 2007, the court granted defendants' motion to dismiss for lack of subject matter jurisdiction finding that plaintiffs' claims are barred by the political question doctrine and for lack of standing. In October 2009, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit reversed in part the decision of the trial court, holding that the plaintiffs had standing to assert their public and private nuisance, trespass and negligence claims. The Fifth Circuit held that plaintiffs did not satisfy the prudential standing requirement for their unjust enrichment, fraudulent misrepresentation and civil conspiracy claims and dismissed those claims. The case was remanded to the court for further proceedings. The Company believes that this lawsuit is without merit and intends to defend against and oppose it vigorously, but cannot predict its outcome. Based on the Company's evaluation of the issues and their potential impact, the amount of any future loss cannot be reasonably estimated. However, based on current information, the Company believes this matter is likely to be resolved without a materially adverse effect on its financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

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Native Village of Kivalina and City of Kivalina v. ExxonMobil Corporation, et al.

In February 2008, the Native Village of Kivalina and the City of Kivalina filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California against the Company, several owners of electricity generating facilities and several oil companies. The plaintiffs are the governing bodies of a village in Alaska that they contend is being destroyed by erosion allegedly caused by global warming that the plaintiffs attribute to emissions of greenhouse gases by the defendants. The plaintiffs assert claims for nuisance, and allege that the defendants have acted in concert and are jointly and severally liable for the plaintiffs' damages. The suit seeks damages for lost property values and for the cost of relocating the village. The defendants filed motions to dismiss on the grounds of lack of personal and subject matter jurisdiction. In September 2009, the court granted defendants' motion to dismiss for lack of subject matter jurisdiction finding that plaintiffs' federal claim for nuisance is barred by the political question doctrine and for lack of standing.

Other

In addition, at times the Company becomes a party to other claims, lawsuits, arbitration proceedings and administrative procedures in the ordinary course of business in the U.S., Australia and other countries where the Company does business. Based on current information, the Company believes that the ultimate resolution of such other pending or threatened proceedings is not reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on its financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

New York Office of the Attorney General Subpoena

The New York Office of the Attorney General sent a letter to the Company dated September 14, 2007 that referred to the Company's plans to build new coal-fired electric generating units, and said that the increase in emissions from the operation of these units, in combination with Peabody Energy's other coal-fired power plants, will subject Peabody Energy to increased financial, regulatory, and litigation risks. The Company currently has no electricity generating capacity in place. The letter included a subpoena issued under New York state law, which seeks information and documents relating to the Company's analysis of the risks associated with climate change and possible climate change legislation or regulations, and its disclosure of such risks to investors. The Company believes that it has made full and proper disclosure of these potential risks.

(17) Guarantees and Financial Instruments with Off-Balance Sheet Risk

In the normal course of business, the Company is a party to guarantees and financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk, such as bank letters of credit, performance or surety bonds and other guarantees and indemnities, which are not reflected in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets. Such financial instruments are valued based on the amount of exposure under the instrument and the likelihood of required performance. In the Company's past experience, virtually no claims have been made against these financial instruments. Management does not expect any material losses to result from these guarantees or off-balance-sheet instruments.

The Company owns a 37.5% interest in a partnership that leases a coal export terminal from the Peninsula Ports Authority of Virginia under a 30-year lease that permits the partnership to purchase the terminal at the end of the lease term for a nominal amount. The partners have severally (but not jointly) agreed to make payments under various agreements which in the aggregate provide the partnership with sufficient funds to pay rents and to cover the principal and interest payments on the floating-rate industrial revenue bonds issued by the Peninsula Ports Authority, and which are supported by letters of credit from a commercial bank. As of September 30, 2009, the Company's maximum reimbursement obligation to the commercial bank was, in turn, supported by two letters of credit totaling \$42.8 million.

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The Company is party to an agreement with the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) and TXU Europe Limited, an affiliate of the Company's former parent corporation, under which the Company is required to make special contributions to two of the Company's defined benefit pension plans and to maintain a \$37.0 million letter of credit in favor of the PBGC. If the Company or the PBGC gives notice of an intent to terminate one or more of the covered pension plans in which liabilities are not fully funded, or if the Company fails to maintain the letter of credit, the PBGC may draw down on the letter of credit and use the proceeds to satisfy liabilities under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended. The PBGC, however, is required to first apply amounts received from a \$110.0 million guarantee in place from TXU Europe Limited in favor of the PBGC before it draws on the Company's letter of credit. On November 19, 2002, TXU Europe Limited was placed under the administration process in the United Kingdom (a process similar to bankruptcy proceedings in the U.S.) and continues under this process as of September 30, 2009. As a result of these proceedings, TXU Europe Limited may be liquidated or otherwise reorganized in such a way as to relieve it of its obligations under its guarantee.

At September 30, 2009, the Company has a letter of credit of approximately \$169 million Australian dollars (approximately \$149 million U.S. dollars) for collateral for bank guarantees issued with respect to certain reclamation and performance obligations related to the mines acquired in the Excel Coal Limited acquisition.

Other Guarantees

The Company has a liability recorded of \$52.3 million as of September 30, 2009 and \$61.8 million as of December 31, 2008 related to reclamation and bonding commitments associated with the purchase of approximately 427 million tons of coal reserves and surface lands in the Illinois Basin in 2007.

The Company is the lessee under numerous equipment and property leases. It is common in such commercial lease transactions for the Company, as the lessee, to agree to indemnify the lessor for the value of the property or equipment leased, should the property be damaged or lost during the course of the Company's operations. The Company expects that losses with respect to leased property would be covered by insurance (subject to deductibles). The Company and certain of its subsidiaries have guaranteed other subsidiaries' performance under their various lease obligations. Aside from indemnification of the lessor for the value of the property leased, the Company's maximum potential obligations under its leases are equal to the respective future minimum lease payments and the Company assumes that no amounts could be recovered from third parties.

A subsidiary of the Company owns a 5.06% undivided interest in the Prairie State Energy Campus (Prairie State). In connection with the development of Prairie State, each owner, including the Company's subsidiary, has a guarantee for its proportionate share of obligations to pay its percentage of the construction costs under the Target Price Engineering, Procurement and Construction Agreement with Bechtel Power Corporation. The Company spent \$41.6 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2009 (\$111.3 million to date) representing its 5.06% share of the construction costs. Total construction costs for Prairie State are expected to be approximately \$4 billion.

The Company has provided financial guarantees under certain long-term debt agreements entered into by its subsidiaries, and substantially all of the Company's subsidiaries provide financial guarantees under long-term debt agreements entered into by the Company. The maximum amounts payable under the Company's debt agreements are equal to the respective principal and interest payments. For the descriptions of the Company's (and its subsidiaries') debt, see Note 12 to the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on August 6, 2009. Supplemental guarantor/non-guarantor financial information is provided in Note 18.

As part of the Patriot spin-off, the Company agreed to maintain in force several letters of credit that secured Patriot obligations for certain employee benefits and workers' compensation obligations. These letters of credit were to be released upon Patriot satisfying the beneficiaries with alternate letters of credit or insurance. If Patriot were unable to satisfy the primary beneficiaries by June 30, 2011, they would then be required to provide directly to the Company a letter of credit in the amount of the remaining obligation. As of September 30, 2009, Patriot has satisfied all beneficiaries with alternate letters of credit or insurance.

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Accounts Receivable Securitization

The Company has an accounts receivable securitization program through its wholly-owned, bankruptcy-remote subsidiary (Seller). Under the program, the Company contributes undivided interests in a pool of eligible trade receivables to the Seller, which then sells, without recourse, to a multi-seller, asset-backed commercial paper conduit (Conduit). Purchases by the Conduit are financed with the sale of highly rated commercial paper. The Company utilizes proceeds from the sale of its accounts receivable as an alternative to other forms of debt, effectively reducing its overall borrowing costs. The funding cost of the securitization program was \$3.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and \$8.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and is included in interest expense in the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations. The Company continues to service the sold trade receivables but does not receive a servicing fee. The securitization program was renewed in May 2009 and extends to May 2012, while the letter of credit commitment that supports the commercial paper facility underlying the securitization program must be renewed annually.

The securitization transactions have been recorded as sales, with those accounts receivable sold to the Conduit removed from the condensed consolidated balance sheets. The amount of undivided interests in accounts receivable sold to the Conduit was \$258.8 million as of September 30, 2009 and \$275.0 million as of December 31, 2008. The \$16.2 million decrease in the accounts receivable securitization program for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 is reflected in cash flows from operating activities in the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of cash flows. The facility decreased in usage by \$1.9 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2008.

The Seller is a separate legal entity whose assets are available first and foremost to satisfy the claims of its creditors. Eligible receivables, as defined in the securitization agreement, consist of trade receivables from most of the Company's U.S. subsidiaries, and are reduced for certain items such as past due balances and concentration limits. Of the eligible pool of receivables contributed to the Seller, undivided interests in only a portion of the pool are sold to the Conduit. The Company (the Seller) continues to own \$55.7 million of receivables as of September 30, 2009, which represents collateral supporting the securitization program. The Seller's interest in these receivables is subordinate to the Conduit's interest in the event of default under the securitization agreement. If the Company defaulted under the securitization agreement or if its pool of eligible trade receivables decreased significantly, the Company could be prohibited from selling any additional receivables in the future under the agreement.

(18) Supplemental Guarantor/Non-Guarantor Financial Information

In accordance with the indentures governing the 6.875% Senior Notes due March 2013, the 5.875% Senior Notes due March 2016, the 7.375% Senior Notes due November 2016 and the 7.875% Senior Notes due November 2026, certain wholly-owned U.S. subsidiaries of the Company have fully and unconditionally guaranteed these Senior Notes, on a joint and several basis. Separate financial statements and other disclosures concerning the Guarantor Subsidiaries are not presented because management believes that such information is not material to the Senior Note holders. The following historical financial statement information is provided for the Guarantor/Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries.

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	Three Months Ended September 30, 2009				
	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(Dollars in millions)				
Total revenues	\$	\$ 1,110.0	\$ 702.2	\$ (145.2)	\$ 1,667.0
Costs and expenses					
Operating costs and expenses	19.5	819.1	568.0	(145.2)	1,261.4
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		72.6	35.4		108.0
Asset retirement obligation expense		10.9	1.9		12.8
Selling and administrative expenses	7.1	45.9	2.3		55.3
Other operating (income) loss:					
Net gain on disposal or exchange of assets		(2.6)	(0.2)		(2.8)
(Income) loss from equity affiliates	(155.4)	1.6	10.4	155.4	12.0
Interest expense	51.2	14.6	6.6	(20.1)	52.3
Interest income	(3.8)	(8.1)	(10.4)	20.1	(2.2)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	81.4	156.0	88.2	(155.4)	170.2
Income tax provision (benefit)	(28.5)	53.1	32.4		57.0
Income from continuing operations, net of income taxes	109.9	102.9	55.8	(155.4)	113.2
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	(3.1)	(0.9)	1.6		(2.4)
Net income	106.8	102.0	57.4	(155.4)	110.8
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests			4.0		4.0
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 106.8	\$ 102.0	\$ 53.4	\$ (155.4)	\$ 106.8

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2008				
	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(Dollars in millions)				
Total revenues	\$	\$ 762.2	\$ 1,215.1	\$ (87.7)	\$ 1,889.6
Costs and expenses					
Operating costs and expenses	(31.9)	860.4	492.1	(87.7)	1,232.9
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		70.2	31.5		101.7
Asset retirement obligation expense		14.5	1.0		15.5

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Selling and administrative expenses	7.3	35.3	1.6		44.2
Other operating (income) loss:					
Net gain on disposal or exchange of assets		(4.8)			(4.8)
(Income) loss from equity affiliates	(386.2)	2.1	1.4	386.2	3.5
Interest expense	51.8	21.2	7.8	(26.4)	54.4
Interest income	(3.5)	(19.5)	(6.9)	26.4	(3.5)
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	362.5	(217.2)	686.6	(386.2)	445.7
Income tax provision (benefit)	(9.3)	33.8	38.0		62.5
Income (loss) from continuing operations, net of income taxes	371.8	(251.0)	648.6	(386.2)	383.2
Loss from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	(2.3)	(3.3)	(5.8)		(11.4)
Net income (loss)	369.5	(254.3)	642.8	(386.2)	371.8
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests			2.3		2.3
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$ 369.5	\$ (254.3)	\$ 640.5	\$ (386.2)	\$ 369.5

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	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009				
	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(Dollars in millions)				
Total revenues	\$	\$ 3,061.6	\$ 1,647.8	\$ (251.2)	\$ 4,458.2
Costs and expenses					
Operating costs and expenses	142.4	2,241.8	1,177.2	(251.2)	3,310.2
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		216.0	89.5		305.5
Asset retirement obligation expense		28.1	3.7		31.8
Selling and administrative expenses	21.2	120.0	7.6		148.8
Other operating (income) loss:					
Net gain on disposal or exchange of assets		(10.0)	(6.2)		(16.2)
(Income) loss from equity affiliates	(514.1)	4.9	17.8	514.1	22.7
Interest expense	149.0	50.5	12.2	(60.1)	151.6
Interest income	(11.5)	(29.1)	(25.7)	60.1	(6.2)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	213.0	439.4	371.7	(514.1)	510.0
Income tax provision (benefit)	(115.9)	123.5	158.0		165.6
Income from continuing operations, net of income taxes	328.9	315.9	213.7	(514.1)	344.4
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	27.1	(2.1)	(1.4)		23.6
Net income	356.0	313.8	212.3	(514.1)	368.0
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests			12.0		12.0
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 356.0	\$ 313.8	\$ 200.3	\$ (514.1)	\$ 356.0

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008				
	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(Dollars in millions)				
Total revenues	\$	\$ 2,878.5	\$ 1,938.2	\$ (149.6)	\$ 4,667.1
Costs and expenses					
Operating costs and expenses	(123.0)	2,280.3	1,248.7	(149.6)	3,256.4

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Depreciation, depletion and amortization		190.5	93.9		284.4
Asset retirement obligation expense		28.4	2.8		31.2
Selling and administrative expenses	16.6	116.4	5.2		138.2
Other operating (income) loss:					
Net gain on disposal or exchange of assets		(67.7)	(0.1)		(67.8)
(Income) loss from equity affiliates	(705.1)	4.3	(7.2)	705.1	(2.9)
Interest expense	169.3	63.1	35.1	(95.9)	171.6
Interest income	(11.2)	(70.3)	(21.4)	95.9	(7.0)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	653.4	333.5	581.2	(705.1)	863.0
Income tax provision (benefit)	(20.4)	90.6	85.2		155.4
Income from continuing operations, net of income taxes	673.8	242.9	496.0	(705.1)	707.6
Loss from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	(14.0)	(10.5)	(17.6)		(42.1)
Net income	659.8	232.4	478.4	(705.1)	665.5
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests			5.7		5.7
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 659.8	\$ 232.4	\$ 472.7	\$ (705.1)	\$ 659.8

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	September 30, 2009				
	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Reclassifications/ Eliminations	Consolidated
	(Dollars in millions)				
Assets					
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 167.3	\$ 2.8	\$ 620.7	\$	\$ 790.8
Accounts receivable, net	0.2	21.4	318.2		339.8
Inventories		187.0	170.2		357.2
Assets from coal trading activities, net		123.9	236.5		360.4
Deferred income taxes	20.9	40.1		(48.5)	12.5
Other current assets	99.5	48.8	80.1		228.4
Total current assets	287.9	424.0	1,425.7	(48.5)	2,089.1
Property, plant, equipment and mine development					
Land and coal interests		4,800.7	2,704.7		7,505.4
Buildings and improvements		769.1	118.6		887.7
Machinery and equipment		1,072.1	243.0		1,315.1
Less: accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization		(2,026.2)	(453.8)		(2,480.0)
Property, plant, equipment and mine development, net		4,615.7	2,612.5		7,228.2
Deferred income taxes	135.7			(135.7)	
Investments and other assets	9,053.7	96.1	89.8	(8,697.4)	542.2
Total assets	\$ 9,477.3	\$ 5,135.8	\$ 4,128.0	\$ (8,881.6)	\$ 9,859.5
Liabilities and Stockholders Equity					
Current liabilities					
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$	\$	\$ 13.7	\$	\$ 13.7
Payables to (receivables from) affiliates, net	1,799.6	(1,891.0)	91.4		
Liabilities from coal trading activities, net		55.3	66.0		121.3
Deferred income taxes			48.5	(48.5)	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	149.7	646.3	392.4		1,188.4
Total current liabilities	1,949.3	(1,189.4)	612.0	(48.5)	1,323.4

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Long-term debt, less current maturities	2,635.1	0.1	128.0		2,763.2
Deferred income taxes		249.1	231.5	(135.7)	344.9
Notes payable to (receivables from) affiliates, net	1,009.9	(1,011.9)	2.0		
Other noncurrent liabilities	102.4	1,468.1	72.8		1,643.3
Total liabilities	5,696.7	(484.0)	1,046.3	(184.2)	6,074.8
Peabody Energy Corporation's stockholders' equity	3,780.6	5,619.8	3,077.6	(8,697.4)	3,780.6
Noncontrolling interests			4.1		4.1
Total stockholders' equity	3,780.6	5,619.8	3,081.7	(8,697.4)	3,784.7
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 9,477.3	\$ 5,135.8	\$ 4,128.0	\$ (8,881.6)	\$ 9,859.5

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	December 31, 2008				
	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Reclassifications/ Eliminations	Consolidated
	(Dollars in millions)				
Assets					
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 161.2	\$ 4.5	\$ 284.0	\$	\$ 449.7
Accounts receivable, net	0.6	4.8	376.8		382.2
Inventories		173.7	102.5		276.2
Assets from coal trading activities, net		226.2	436.6		662.8
Deferred income taxes	43.7	21.7		(63.7)	1.7
Other current assets	51.0	77.8	69.9		198.7
Total current assets	256.5	508.7	1,269.8	(63.7)	1,971.3
Property, plant, equipment and mine development					
Land and coal interests		4,655.5	2,693.9		7,349.4
Buildings and improvements		748.6	109.5		858.1
Machinery and equipment		1,016.1	229.0		1,245.1
Less: accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization		(1,806.7)	(348.6)		(2,155.3)
Property, plant, equipment and mine development, net		4,613.5	2,683.8		7,297.3
Deferred income taxes	191.3			(191.3)	
Investments and other assets	8,439.1	375.2	25.9	(8,413.2)	427.0
Total assets	\$ 8,886.9	\$ 5,497.4	\$ 3,979.5	\$ (8,668.2)	\$ 9,695.6
Liabilities and Stockholders Equity					
Current liabilities					
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$	\$	\$ 17.0	\$	\$ 17.0
Payables to (receivables from) affiliates, net	1,610.5	(1,632.7)	22.2		
Liabilities from coal trading activities, net		109.3	194.9		304.2
Deferred income taxes			63.7	(63.7)	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	376.7	725.9	432.4		1,535.0
Total current liabilities	1,987.2	(797.5)	730.2	(63.7)	1,856.2

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Long-term debt, less current maturities	2,640.4	0.2	136.0		2,776.6
Deferred income taxes		20.1	192.0	(191.3)	20.8
Notes payable to (receivables from) affiliates, net	819.2	(819.2)			
Other noncurrent liabilities	322.0	1,517.2	83.3		1,922.5
Total liabilities	5,768.8	(79.2)	1,141.5	(255.0)	6,576.1
Peabody Energy Corporation's stockholders' equity	3,118.1	5,576.6	2,836.6	(8,413.2)	3,118.1
Noncontrolling interests			1.4		1.4
Total stockholders' equity	3,118.1	5,576.6	2,838.0	(8,413.2)	3,119.5
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 8,886.9	\$ 5,497.4	\$ 3,979.5	\$ (8,668.2)	\$ 9,695.6

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	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Consolidated
	(Dollars in millions)			
Cash Flows From Operating Activities				
Net cash provided by (used in) continuing operations	\$ (114.0)	\$ 445.9	\$ 332.3	\$ 664.2
Net cash provided by (used in) discontinued operations	1.4	(3.4)	(4.2)	(6.2)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(112.6)	442.5	328.1	658.0
Cash Flows From Investing Activities				
Additions to property, plant, equipment and mine development		(112.1)	(31.8)	(143.9)
Investment in Prairie State Energy Campus		(41.6)		(41.6)
Federal coal lease expenditures		(123.6)		(123.6)
Proceeds from disposal of assets, net of notes receivable		37.5	10.0	47.5
Additions to advance mining royalties		(4.8)	(0.1)	(4.9)
Investment in equity affiliate			(10.0)	(10.0)
Net cash used in investing activities		(244.6)	(31.9)	(276.5)
Cash Flows From Financing Activities				
Payments of long-term debt			(11.4)	(11.4)
Dividends paid	(48.1)			(48.1)
Proceeds from stock options exercised	1.1			1.1
Change in bank overdraft facility			12.9	12.9
Proceeds from employee stock purchases	5.1			5.1
Transactions with affiliates, net	160.6	(199.6)	39.0	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	118.7	(199.6)	40.5	(40.4)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	6.1	(1.7)	336.7	341.1
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	161.2	4.5	284.0	449.7
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 167.3	\$ 2.8	\$ 620.7	\$ 790.8

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	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Consolidated
	(Dollars in millions)			
Cash Flows From Operating Activities				
Net cash provided by continuing operations	\$ 124.3	\$ 276.8	\$ 397.4	\$ 798.5
Net cash used in discontinued operations	(90.5)	(13.0)	(2.5)	(106.0)
Net cash provided by operating activities	33.8	263.8	394.9	692.5
Cash Flows From Investing Activities				
Additions to property, plant, equipment and mine development		(124.7)	(47.8)	(172.5)
Acquisition of noncontrolling interests (Millennium Mine)			(106.9)	(106.9)
Investment in Prairie State Energy Campus		(28.5)		(28.5)
Federal coal lease expenditures		(178.5)		(178.5)
Proceeds from disposal of assets, net of notes receivable		35.9	0.4	36.3
Additions to advance mining royalties		(3.8)	(0.3)	(4.1)
Investments in equity affiliates and joint ventures		(2.7)		(2.7)
Net cash used in continuing operations		(302.3)	(154.6)	(456.9)
Net cash used in discontinued operations			(1.6)	(1.6)
Net cash used in investing activities		(302.3)	(156.2)	(458.5)
Cash Flows From Financing Activities				
Change in revolving line of credit	(97.7)			(97.7)
Payments of long-term debt	(18.8)		(8.8)	(27.6)
Common stock repurchase	(58.3)			(58.3)
Dividends paid	(48.9)			(48.9)
Excess tax benefit related to stock options exercised	27.5			27.5
Proceeds from stock options exercised	13.7			13.7
Change in bank overdraft facility			10.8	10.8
Proceeds from employee stock purchases	5.2			5.2
Transactions with affiliates, net	145.3	38.9	(184.2)	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(32.0)	38.9	(182.2)	(175.3)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	1.8	0.4	56.5	58.7

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Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	7.0	3.9	34.4	45.3
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 8.8	\$ 4.3	\$ 90.9	\$ 104.0
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**Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.
Cautionary Notice Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

This report includes statements of our expectations, intentions, plans and beliefs that constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and are intended to come within the safe harbor protection provided by those sections. These statements relate to future events or our future financial performance, including, without limitation, the section captioned Outlook. We use words such as anticipate, believe, expect, may, project, should, estimate, or similar words to identify forward-looking statements.

Without limiting the foregoing, all statements relating to our future outlook, anticipated capital expenditures, future cash flows and borrowings, and sources of funding are forward-looking statements and speak only as of the date of this report. These forward-looking statements are based on numerous assumptions that we believe are reasonable, but are subject to a wide range of uncertainties and business risks and actual results may differ materially from those discussed in these statements. Among the factors that could cause actual results to differ materially are:

demand for coal in United States (U.S.) and international power generation and steel production markets;

price volatility and demand, particularly in higher-margin products and in our trading and brokerage businesses;

reductions and/or deferrals of purchases by major customers and ability to renew sales contracts;

credit and performance risks associated with customers, suppliers, trading and banks and other financial counterparties;

geologic, equipment, permitting and operational risks related to mining;

transportation availability, performance and costs;

availability, timing of delivery and costs of key supplies, capital equipment or commodities such as diesel fuel, steel, explosives and tires;

impact of weather on demand, production and transportation;

successful implementation of business strategies, including our Btu Conversion and generation development initiatives;

negotiation of labor contracts, employee relations and workforce availability;

changes in postretirement benefit and pension obligations and funding requirements;

replacement of coal reserves;

access to capital and credit markets and availability and costs of credit, margin capacity, surety bonds, letters of credit, and insurance;

effects of changes in interest rates and currency exchange rates (primarily the Australian dollar);

effects of acquisitions or divestitures;

economic strength and political stability of countries in which we have operations or serve customers;

legislation, regulations and court decisions or other government actions, including new environmental requirements affecting the use of coal;

litigation, including claims not yet asserted;

terrorist attacks or threats;

impacts of pandemic illnesses; and

other factors, including those discussed in Legal Proceedings.

When considering these forward-looking statements, you should keep in mind the cautionary statements in this document and in our other Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filings, including the more detailed discussion of these factors, as well as other factors that could affect our results, contained in Item 1A. Risk Factors of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which such statements were made, and we undertake no obligation to update these statements except as required by federal securities laws.

Overview

We are the world's largest private-sector coal company, with majority interests in 29 coal mining operations located in the Midwestern and Western U.S. and in Queensland and New South Wales in Australia, and a minority interest in coal mining operations in Venezuela.

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For the year ended December 31, 2008, 82% of our total sales (by volume) were to U.S. electricity generators, 16% were to customers outside the U.S. and 2% were to the U.S. industrial sector. In the U.S., we typically sell coal to utility customers under long-term contracts (those with terms longer than one year). Internationally, we sell coal to coal-based electricity generating stations and steel producing facilities. During 2008, approximately 90% of our worldwide sales (by volume) were under long-term contracts. We conduct business through three principal operating segments: Western U.S. Mining, Midwestern U.S. Mining, and Australian Mining. In addition to our mining operations, we market, broker and trade coal through our Trading and Brokerage segment.

The long-term demand for oil and natural gas around the world is expected to lead to an increase in demand for unconventional sources of both fuels. We continue to explore Btu Conversion projects designed to expand the uses of coal through coal-to-liquids and coal gasification technologies. We are also participating in the advancement of clean coal technologies, including carbon capture and storage, in the U.S., China and Australia.

Results of Operations

The results of operations for all periods presented reflect the assets, liabilities and results of operations from subsidiaries spun off as Patriot Coal Corporation (Patriot) as discontinued operations. We also have classified as discontinued operations certain non-strategic mining assets held for sale where we have committed to the divestiture of such assets and operations recently divested.

Adjusted EBITDA

The discussion of our results of operations below includes references to and analysis of our segments' Adjusted EBITDA results. Adjusted EBITDA is defined as income from continuing operations before deducting net interest expense, income taxes, asset retirement obligation expense and depreciation, depletion and amortization. Adjusted EBITDA is used by management to measure our segments' operating performance, and management also believes it is a useful indicator of our ability to meet debt service and capital expenditure requirements. Because Adjusted EBITDA is not calculated identically by all companies, our calculation may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. Adjusted EBITDA is reconciled to its most comparable measure, under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), in Note 14 to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009 Compared to Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008

Summary

Year-to-date sales volume of 182.4 million tons was 3.4 million tons below prior year levels while the third quarter volume of 63.5 million tons was 2.1 million tons below prior year reflecting planned reductions in production in the Powder River Basin to match lower demand and lower customer shipments in Australia driven primarily by reduced demand due to the global economic downturn. Year-to-date revenues of \$4.5 billion fell \$208.9 million, or 4.5%, below prior year while third quarter revenues of \$1.7 billion fell \$222.6 million, or 11.8%, below the third quarter of the prior year driven by Australia's lower annual export contract pricing that commenced on April 1, 2009 and an overall volume decrease. Year-to-date revenues were also unfavorable to prior year due to the \$56.9 million revenue recovery on a long-term coal supply agreement in the second quarter of 2008.

Partially offsetting the quarter and year-to-date decreases to revenues was an increase in U.S. revenues per ton, reflecting higher priced Midwestern U.S. contracts signed in the prior year as well as a change in mix toward higher-priced Western U.S. coal products. Australian revenues for the third quarter 2009 were favorably impacted by an increase in metallurgical coal volume shipped over the prior year.

Segment Adjusted EBITDA decreased \$250.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009 and \$258.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 compared to the prior year primarily due to the reasons noted above. Also unfavorably impacting Segment Adjusted EBITDA were geology issues and longwall performance at our Australian mines and higher labor costs.

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Income from continuing operations, net of income taxes, decreased by \$270.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009 and \$363.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 compared to the prior year due to the Segment Adjusted EBITDA items noted previously. Also unfavorably impacting income from continuing operations, net of income taxes are the following items:

Lower gains on the sale or exchange of coal reserves and surface lands;

Lower income from equity affiliates; and

Increased income tax provision driven by remeasurement of non-U.S. tax accounts (nine months).

These unfavorable items were partially offset by lower interest expense.

Tons Sold

The following table presents tons sold by operating segment:

	Three Months Ended				Nine Months Ended			
	September 30,		Increase (Decrease)		September 30,		Increase (Decrease)	
	2009	2008	Tons	%	2009	2008	Tons	%
	(Tons in millions)				(Tons in millions)			
Western U.S. Mining	42.0	42.8	(0.8)	(1.9)%	121.5	124.3	(2.8)	(2.3)%
Midwestern U.S. Mining	7.9	7.8	0.1	1.3%	24.0	22.9	1.1	4.8%
Australian Mining	6.5	6.9	(0.4)	(5.8)%	15.9	17.6	(1.7)	(9.7)%
Trading and Brokerage	7.1	8.1	(1.0)	(12.3)%	21.0	21.0		0.0%
Total tons sold	63.5	65.6	(2.1)	(3.2)%	182.4	185.8	(3.4)	(1.8)%

Revenues

The following table presents revenues by operating segment:

	Three Months Ended				Nine Months Ended			
	September 30,		Increase (Decrease)		September 30,		Increase (Decrease)	
	2009	2008	\$	%	2009	2008	\$	%
	(Dollars in millions)				(Dollars in millions)			
Western U.S. Mining	\$ 683.6	\$ 624.9	\$ 58.7	9.4%	\$ 1,972.8	\$ 1,860.8	\$ 112.0	6.0%
Midwestern U.S. Mining	327.5	297.6	29.9	10.0%	978.0	845.2	132.8	15.7%
Australian Mining	537.3	781.1	(243.8)	(31.2)%	1,206.6	1,589.3	(382.7)	(24.1)%
Trading and Brokerage	112.9	181.5	(68.6)	(37.8)%	284.8	352.9	(68.1)	(19.3)%
Corporate and Other	5.7	4.5	1.2	26.7%	16.0	18.9	(2.9)	(15.3)%
Total revenues	\$ 1,667.0	\$ 1,889.6	\$ (222.6)	(11.8)%	\$ 4,458.2	\$ 4,667.1	\$ (208.9)	(4.5)%

Year-to-date revenues of \$4.5 billion fell \$208.9 million, or 4.5%, below prior year while third quarter revenues of \$1.7 billion fell \$222.6 million, or 11.8%. The primary drivers included the following:

Australian Mining operations average sales price decreased from the prior year reflecting the lower annual export contract pricing that commenced April 1, 2009 (three months, 27.8%; nine months, 15.8%). The price decreases were combined with volume decreases from the prior year (three months, 5.8%; nine months, 9.7%) due to overall lower demand. Year-to-date metallurgical coal shipments of 4.6 million tons were 1.9 million tons below prior year, while Company-record third quarter metallurgical coal shipments of 2.7 million tons were 0.2 million tons above prior year, reflecting a partial recovery from the lower metallurgical coal shipments that occurred in the first half of the year.

Trading and Brokerage operations revenues decreased from the prior year due to lower price volatility in the current year, partially offset by certain higher margin structured transactions and higher international revenues in the current year.

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Western U.S. Mining operations average sales price increased over the prior year driven by a change of mix toward higher-priced Western coal products (three months, 11.6%; nine months, 8.5%). Year-to-date revenues were also higher due to increased shipments from our El Segundo Mine (commissioned in June 2008). These increases were partially offset by the prior year revenue recovery on a long-term coal supply agreement (\$56.9 million) and an overall volume decrease reflecting our planned Powder River Basin production decreases (three months, 1.9%; nine months, 2.3%).

Midwestern U.S. Mining operations average sales price increased over the prior year (three months, 9.4%; nine months, 10.7%) driven by the benefit of higher Illinois Basin prices and increased shipments, including purchased coal used to satisfy certain coal supply agreements.

Segment Adjusted EBITDA

The following table presents Adjusted EBITDA by operating segment:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Increase (Decrease) to Segment Adjusted EBITDA		Nine Months Ended September 30,		Increase (Decrease) to Segment Adjusted EBITDA	
	2009	2008	\$	%	2009	2008	\$	%
	(Dollars in millions)				(Dollars in millions)			
Western U.S. Mining	\$ 208.6	\$ 155.7	\$ 52.9	34.0%	\$ 543.9	\$ 497.4	\$ 46.5	9.3%
Midwestern U.S. Mining	67.0	46.9	20.1	42.9%	207.4	126.0	81.4	64.6%
Australian Mining	108.2	423.1	(314.9)	(74.4)%	319.1	668.6	(349.5)	(52.3)%
Trading and Brokerage	44.2	52.7	(8.5)	(16.1)%	145.2	182.5	(37.3)	(20.4)%
Total Segment Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 428.0	\$ 678.4	\$ (250.4)	(36.9)%	\$ 1,215.6	\$ 1,474.5	\$ (258.9)	(17.6)%

Australian Mining operations Adjusted EBITDA for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 decreased compared to the prior year due to:

Lower annual export contract pricing that commenced April 1, 2009 and the decreased margin from lower volume due to reduced demand (\$212.0 million); and

Higher production costs (\$146.2 million) driven by increased overburden stripping ratios and decreased longwall mine performance, which included three first quarter 2009 longwall moves, partially offset by the lower average Australian exchange rate.

Australian Mining operations Adjusted EBITDA for the quarter ended September 30, 2009 decreased compared to the prior year due to lower annual export contract pricing that commenced April 1, 2009 (\$288.7 million) and unfavorable geology driven by increased overburden stripping ratios (\$50.0 million), partially offset by the lower average Australian exchange rate (\$22.1 million).

Trading and Brokerage operations Adjusted EBITDA decreased compared to prior year (three months, \$8.5 million; nine months, \$37.3 million) primarily due to lower price volatility in the current year, partially offset by certain higher margin structured transactions and higher international revenues in the current year.

Western U.S. Mining operations Adjusted EBITDA increased over the prior year driven by an overall increase in average sales prices across the region (three months, \$42.4 million; nine months, \$133.1 million) and decreased commodity costs (three months, \$13.9 million; nine months, \$26.2 million).

Partially offsetting the above increases to Western U.S. Mining operations Adjusted EBITDA was:

The second quarter 2008 revenue recovery on a long-term coal supply agreement (\$56.9 million); and

Increased labor, maintenance and repair costs, and higher fuel usage (three months, \$2.8 million; nine months, \$54.1 million).

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Midwestern U.S. Mining operations Adjusted EBITDA increased over the prior year primarily due to:
An increase in the average sales price (three months, \$27.5 million; nine months, \$90.1 million);

Decreased commodity costs (three months, \$5.1 million; nine months, \$11.6 million); and

Increased margin resulting from purchased coal used to satisfy customer requirements (three months, \$2.8 million; nine months, \$7.5 million).

Partially offsetting the above increases to Midwestern U.S. Mining operations Adjusted EBITDA was increased labor costs relating to the redeployment from one of our recently closed mines to existing mines and increased materials and services costs (nine months, \$23.3 million).

Income From Continuing Operations Before Income Taxes

The following table presents income from continuing operations before income taxes:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2009 2008		Increase (Decrease) to Income		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009 2008		Increase (Decrease) to Income	
	(Dollars in millions)		\$	%	(Dollars in millions)		\$	%
Total Segment								
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 428.0	\$ 678.4	\$ (250.4)	(36.9)%	\$ 1,215.6	\$ 1,474.5	\$ (258.9)	(17.6)%
Corporate and Other Adjusted EBITDA	(86.9)	(64.6)	(22.3)	(34.5)%	(222.9)	(131.3)	(91.6)	(69.8)%
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	(108.0)	(101.7)	(6.3)	(6.2)%	(305.5)	(284.4)	(21.1)	(7.4)%
Asset retirement obligation expense	(12.8)	(15.5)	2.7	17.4%	(31.8)	(31.2)	(0.6)	(1.9)%
Interest expense	(52.3)	(54.4)	2.1	3.9%	(151.6)	(171.6)	20.0	11.7%
Interest income	2.2	3.5	(1.3)	(37.1)%	6.2	7.0	(0.8)	(11.4)%
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	\$ 170.2	\$ 445.7	\$ (275.5)	(61.8)%	\$ 510.0	\$ 863.0	\$ (353.0)	(40.9)%

Income from continuing operations before income taxes for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 was lower than the prior year primarily due to the lower Total Segment Adjusted EBITDA discussed above, lower Corporate and Other Adjusted EBITDA, and increased depreciation, depletion and amortization, partially offset by a decline in interest expense.

Corporate and Other Adjusted EBITDA results include selling and administrative expenses, equity income (loss) from our joint ventures, net gains on asset disposals or exchanges, costs associated with past mining obligations and revenues and expenses related to our other commercial activities such as generation development and Btu Conversion development costs. The decrease of \$22.3 million and \$91.6 million in Corporate and Other Adjusted EBITDA during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, respectively, compared to 2008 was due to the following:

Lower net gains on disposals or exchanges of assets (three months, \$2.0 million; nine months, \$51.6 million). The lower net gains on disposals or exchanges during the nine months ended September 30, 2009 were due to a \$54.0 million gain in the prior year from the sale of non-strategic coal reserves and surface lands located in Kentucky;

Lower results from equity affiliates (three months, \$8.5 million; nine months, \$25.6 million) primarily from our 25.5% interest in Carbones del Guasare (owner and operator of the Paso Diablo Mine in Venezuela), which is primarily the result of lower productivity and higher costs due to ongoing labor issues; and

Increased selling and administrative costs (three months, \$11.1 million; nine months, \$10.6 million) primarily related to increased labor due to continued international expansion and other corporate initiatives.

Depreciation, depletion and amortization was higher compared to the prior year (three months, \$6.3 million; nine months, \$21.1 million) due to:

Increased asset depletion at our North Antelope Rochelle Mine due to the impact of mining higher value coal reserves, partially offset by lower depletion at certain other mines resulting from lower production; and

Increased asset depreciation primarily associated with the addition of a blending and loading system at our North Antelope Rochelle Mine in mid-2008 (nine months).

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Interest expense was lower compared to the prior year (three months, \$2.1 million; nine months, \$20.0 million) resulting from lower variable interest rates on our Term Loan Facility and accounts receivable securitization program and lower average borrowings on our Revolving Credit Facility.

Net Income Attributable to Common Stockholders

The following table presents net income attributable to common stockholders:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2009 2008		Increase (Decrease) to Income \$ %		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009 2008		Increase (Decrease) to Income \$ %	
	(Dollars in millions)				(Dollars in millions)			
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	\$ 170.2	\$ 445.7	\$ (275.5)	(61.8)%	\$ 510.0	\$ 863.0	\$ (353.0)	(40.9)%
Income tax provision	(57.0)	(62.5)	5.5	8.8%	(165.6)	(155.4)	(10.2)	(6.6)%
Income from continuing operations, net of income taxes	113.2	383.2	(270.0)	(70.5)%	344.4	707.6	(363.2)	(51.3)%
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	(2.4)	(11.4)	9.0	78.9%	23.6	(42.1)	65.7	156.1%
Net income	110.8	371.8	(261.0)	(70.2)%	368.0	665.5	(297.5)	(44.7)%
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	4.0	2.3	(1.7)	(73.9)%	12.0	5.7	(6.3)	(110.5)%
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 106.8	\$ 369.5	\$ (262.7)	(71.1)%	\$ 356.0	\$ 659.8	\$ (303.8)	(46.0)%

Net income attributable to common stockholders was lower for both periods compared to the prior year due to the decrease in income from continuing operations before income taxes discussed above.

Income tax provision was impacted by the following:

Increased expense associated with the remeasurement of non-U.S. tax accounts as a result of the strengthening Australian dollar against the U.S. dollar (three months, \$85.0 million; nine months, \$98.4 million; the table below illustrates the foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations); and

	September 30, 2009 2008		June 30, 2009 2008		December 31, 2008 2007	
Australian dollar to U.S. dollar exchange rate	\$0.8801	\$0.7996	\$0.8114	\$0.9626	\$0.6928	\$0.8816

The prior year release of a valuation allowance (nine months, \$45.3 million); partially offset by

Lower pre-tax earnings, which drove a decrease to the income tax provision (three months, \$96.5 million; nine months, \$123.6 million).

Favorably impacting net income attributable to common stockholders was an increase in income from discontinued operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 of \$65.7 million, which related primarily to the excise tax refund receivable recognized during the first quarter of 2009. See Note 4 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for more information related to the excise tax refund.

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Outlook

Near-Term Outlook

The global economic downturn that began in late 2008 reduced gross domestic product (GDP) expectations in all major world economies from their pre-recession levels, which tempered spot pricing and coal demand in the near term. Global economies are showing signs of improvement, with 2009 global GDP expectations revised upwards during the third quarter and 2010 economic forecasts estimating a three percent expansion although slower than expected economic improvement could temper these estimates. The Asia-Pacific markets continue to outpace the U.S. and European markets in economic growth and therefore electricity generation and steel production. Year-to-date through August 2009, China and India are the only steel producing majors outpacing prior-year levels, with all other nations running 35% lower on average. Due to reduced steel production for 2009, metallurgical coal producers have also lowered planned production levels.

During the second and third quarters of 2009, we reached agreements with customers for nearly all of the 2009 metallurgical coal volumes for contracts commencing April 1, 2009. Prices ranged from \$129 per tonne for high-quality hard coking coal to the upper \$80s per tonne for pulverized coal injection (PCI) coal and above \$100 per tonne for semi-hard coals. In addition, we retained the majority of value associated with hard coking coal commitments carried over from settled agreements in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2009 with that value expected to be realized in deliveries from 2009 through the first quarter of 2012. We also priced 1.2 million tons of export thermal coal commitments for 2009 from Australian operations, in line with benchmark pricing.

As of October 20, 2009, we had 5.5 to 7.0 million tons of Australia metallurgical coal unpriced for 2010, along with 7.5 to 8.0 million tons of unpriced export thermal coal. Unpriced 2010 volumes are primarily planned for deliveries over the last three quarters of 2010.

In the U.S., the Energy Information Administration (EIA) estimates 2009 coal demand will be down more than 9% from 2008 levels. Reduced U.S. coal demand reflects lower GDP estimates due to the recession. Year-to-date, coal-based electricity generation demand is estimated to have declined 11.6% from the prior year. The reduced coal generation has resulted in utility inventory stockpiles estimated to approximate 190 million tons, 36% above year-ago levels. U.S. coal production is adjusting to changes in demand. Year-to-date, U.S. coal production has declined more than 60 million tons, and over the month of September, U.S. coal production was on an annualized pace more than 100 million tons lower than in 2008.

We are targeting full-year 2009 production of approximately 190 million tons in the U.S. and 21 to 23 million tons in Australia. Total 2009 sales are expected to be in a range of 235 to 245 million tons. We may continue to adjust our production levels in response to changes in market demand.

We continue to manage costs and operating performance to mitigate external cost pressures, geologic conditions and potential shipping delays resulting from adverse port and rail performance. To mitigate the external cost pressures, we have instituted a company-wide initiative to instill best practices at all operations. We may have higher per ton costs as a result of lower production levels due to market-driven changes in demand. We may also encounter poor geologic conditions, lower third-party contract miner or brokerage performance or unforeseen equipment problems that limit our ability to produce at forecasted levels. To the extent upward pressure on costs exceeds our ability to realize sales increases, or if we experience unanticipated operating or transportation difficulties, our operating margins would be negatively impacted. See Cautionary Notice Regarding Forward-Looking Statements and Item 1A. Risk Factors of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 for additional considerations regarding our outlook.

We rely on ongoing access to the worldwide financial markets for capital, insurance, hedging and investments through a wide variety of financial instruments and contracts. To the extent these markets are not available or increase significantly in cost, this could have a negative impact on our ability to meet our business goals. Similarly many of our customers and suppliers rely on the availability of the financial markets to secure the necessary financing and financial surety (letters of credit, performance bonds, etc.) to complete transactions with us. To the extent customers and suppliers are not able to secure this financial support, it could have a negative impact on our results of operations and/or counterparty credit exposure.

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Long-Term Outlook

While the current global economic conditions create near-term uncertainty, our long-term global outlook remains positive. Coal has been the fastest-growing fuel in the world for each of the past six years, with consumption growing nearly twice as fast as total energy use.

The International Energy Agency's World Energy Outlook estimates world primary energy demand will grow 45% between 2006 and 2030, with demand for coal rising 61%. China and India alone account for more than half of the expected incremental energy demand. Currently, 200 gigawatts of coal-fueled electricity generating plants are under construction around the world, representing nearly 790 million tonnes of annual coal demand expected to come online in the next several years. In the U.S., 16 gigawatts of new coal-based generating capacity have been completed in 2009 or are under construction, representing 65 to 70 million tons of annual coal demand when they come online over the next three to five years.

We believe that Btu Conversion applications such as coal-to-gas (CTG) and coal-to-liquids (CTL) plants represent an avenue for potential long-term industry growth. The EIA continues to project an increase in demand for unconventional sources of transportation fuel, including CTL, which is estimated to add 70 million tons of annual U.S. coal demand by 2030. In addition, China and India are developing CTG and CTL facilities.

In April 2009, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published for public comment its proposed finding that atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases endanger public health and welfare within the meaning of the Clean Air Act and that emissions of greenhouse gases from new motor vehicles and new motor vehicle engines are contributing to air pollution which is endangering public health and welfare within the meaning of the Clean Air Act. The proposed finding, if finalized, would not by itself impose any regulatory requirements and does not contain any specific targets for reducing greenhouse gases. While the EPA's proposed finding is technically limited to greenhouse gas emissions from new motor vehicles and new motor vehicle engines, a final endangerment finding by the EPA may lead to endangerment findings under other Clean Air Act programs, including those that relate directly to emissions from stationary sources.

In May 2009, legislation was introduced in Australia's Parliament to establish a national emissions trading market, called the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS). If enacted, the CPRS would set a cap on greenhouse gas emissions in Australia and issue permit allowances up to the cap limit. The proposed legislation would delay the CPRS start date to July 2011 due to the impacts of the global recession. The CPRS was passed by Australia's House of Representatives on June 4, 2009, but was voted down by the Australian Senate on August 13, 2009. The Australian government has indicated it will be reintroducing the CPRS for consideration by Parliament before the end of 2009.

In June 2009, the U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation which calls for an economy-wide, greenhouse gas cap-and-trade system and other complementary measures. The U.S. Senate is considering similar legislation, with hearings scheduled for late 2009. While it is possible that the U.S. will adopt some form of mandatory greenhouse gas legislation in the future, the timing and specific requirements of any such legislation are highly uncertain.

Enactment of laws and passage of regulations regarding greenhouse gas emissions by the U.S. or some of its states or by other countries, or other actions to limit carbon dioxide emissions, could result in electricity generators switching from coal to other fuel sources. The potential financial impact on us of future regulation will depend primarily upon the degree to which any such regulation forces electricity generators to diminish their reliance on coal as a fuel source. That, in turn, will depend on a number of factors, including the specific requirements imposed by any such regulation.

We continue to support clean coal technology development and voluntary initiatives addressing global climate change through our participation as a founding member of the FutureGen Alliance and the Australian COAL21 Fund, and through our participation in the Power Systems Development Facility, the PowerTree Carbon Company LLC, the Midwest Geopolitical Sequestration Consortium and the Asia-Pacific Partnership for Clean Development and Climate. In addition, we are the only non-Chinese equity partner in GreenGen, a planned near-zero emissions coal-fueled power plant with carbon capture and storage which is under development in China. We are also a founding member of the Global Carbon Capture and Storage Institute, an international initiative to accelerate commercialization of carbon capture and storage (CCS) technologies through development of 20 integrated, industrial-scale demonstration projects.

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Clean coal technology development is being accelerated by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Act), which was signed into law by President Obama in February 2009. The Act targets \$3.4 billion for U.S. Department of Energy fossil fuel programs, including \$1 billion for CCS research; \$800 million for the Clean Coal Power Initiative, a 10-year program supporting commercial CCS; and \$50 million for geology research.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Our discussion and analysis of our financial condition, results of operations, liquidity and capital resources is based upon our financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with GAAP in the U.S. GAAP requires that we make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate our estimates. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that we believe are reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on August 6, 2009 describes the critical accounting policies and estimates used in the preparation of our financial statements.

Fair Value Measurements

We use various methods to determine the fair value of financial assets and liabilities using market-quoted inputs for valuation or corroboration as available. We utilize market data or assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the particular asset or liability, including assumptions about inherent risk. We primarily apply the market approach for recurring fair value measurements utilizing the best available information.

We consider credit and nonperformance risk in the fair value measurement by analyzing the counterparty's exposure balance, credit rating and average default rate, net of any counterparty credit enhancements (e.g., collateral), as well as our own credit rating for financial derivative liabilities.

In accordance with the Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures topic of the Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification, we evaluate the quality and reliability of the assumptions and data used to measure fair value in the three hierarchy Levels 1, 2 and 3 (see Notes 5 and Note 15 to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for additional information). Commodity swaps and options and physical commodity purchase/sale contracts transacted in less liquid markets or contracts, such as long-term arrangements, with limited price availability were classified in Level 3. Indicators of less liquid markets are those with periods of low trade activity or when broker quotes reflect wide pricing spreads. Generally, these instruments or contracts are valued using internally generated models that include forward pricing curve quotes from one to three reputable brokers. Our valuation techniques also include basis adjustments for heat rate, sulfur and ash content, port and freight costs, and credit and nonperformance risk. We validate our valuation inputs with third-party information and settlement prices from other sources where available.

We have consistently applied these valuation techniques in all periods presented, and believe we have obtained the most accurate information reasonably available for the types of derivative contracts held. Valuation changes from period to period for each level will increase or decrease depending on: (i) the relative change in fair value for positions held, (ii) new positions added, (iii) realized amounts for completed trades, and (iv) transfers between levels. Our coal trading strategies utilize various swaps and derivative physical contracts, which are categorized by level in the table below. Periodic changes in fair value for purchase and sale positions, which are executed to lock in coal trading spreads, occur in each level and therefore the overall change in value of our coal-trading platform requires consideration of valuation changes across all levels.

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Net assets (liabilities) related to coal trading activities at September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 are as follows:

	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008	Increase (Decrease)
	(Dollars in millions)		
Level 1	\$ 7.3	\$ (17.0)	\$ 24.3
Level 2	227.6	337.8	(110.2)
Level 3	4.2	37.8	(33.6)
Total	\$ 239.1	\$ 358.6	\$ (119.5)

Our coal-trading platform includes positions designed to secure forward pricing for some of our production (i.e. cash flow hedges wherein the effective portion of the change in the fair value is recorded as a separate component of stockholders' equity until the hedged transaction impacts reported earnings) as well as positions designed to generate current period trading results. The fair value of coal trading positions designated as cash flow hedges of anticipated future sales was an asset of \$136.0 million as of September 30, 2009 and an asset of \$220.4 million as of December 31, 2008 (primarily classified as Level 2). As of September 30, 2009, the estimated realization of our aggregate coal trading portfolio of \$239.1 million is 51% in 2009 and 72% by the end of 2010.

Level 3 Net Financial Asset (Liability) Detail

The Level 3 net financial assets (liabilities) as of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 are as follows:

	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
	(Dollars in millions)	
Commodity swaps and options – coal trading activities	\$	\$ (1.1)
Physical commodity purchase/sale contracts – coal trading activities	4.2	38.9
Total net financial assets	\$ 4.2	\$ 37.8
Total net financial assets (liabilities) measured at fair value	\$ 329.9	\$ (129.2)
Percent of Level 3 net financial assets to total net financial assets (liabilities) measured at fair value	1.3%	Not meaningful ⁽¹⁾

(1) Percentage of Level 3 net financial assets compared to total net financial liabilities is not meaningful due to overall

liability position
as of
December 31,
2008.

The following table summarizes the changes in our recurring Level 3 net financial assets:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	(Dollars in millions)			
Beginning of period	\$ 2.4	\$ 378.7	\$ 37.8	\$ 128.7
Total gains or losses (realized/unrealized):				
Included in earnings	1.1	(377.3)	1.4	(40.8)
Included in other comprehensive income	0.2	41.9	(5.9)	(11.9)
Purchases, issuances and settlements	(6.0)	42.2	(26.3)	41.7
Net transfers in (out)	6.5	51.5	(2.8)	19.3
End of period	\$ 4.2	\$ 137.0	\$ 4.2	\$ 137.0

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The following table summarizes the changes in unrealized gains (losses) relating to Level 3 net financial assets held both as of the beginning and the end of the period:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	(Dollars in millions)			
Changes in unrealized gains (losses) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0.5	\$ (175.2)	\$ 0.5	\$ 50.8

- (1) Within the unaudited condensed consolidated statement of operations for the periods presented, unrealized gains and losses from Level 3 items are combined with unrealized gains and losses on positions classified in Level 1 or 2, as well as other positions that have been realized during the applicable periods.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our primary sources of cash include sales of our coal production to customers, cash generated from our trading and brokerage activities, sales of non-core assets and financing transactions, including the sale of our accounts receivable (through our securitization program). Our primary uses of cash include our cash costs of coal production, capital expenditures, federal coal lease payments, interest costs and costs related to past mining obligations as well as acquisitions. Our ability to pay dividends, service our debt (interest and principal) and acquire new productive assets or businesses is dependent upon our ability to continue to generate cash from the primary sources noted above in excess of the primary uses. Future dividends and share repurchases, among other restricted items, are subject to limitations imposed in the covenants of our 5.875% and 6.875% Senior Notes and Convertible Junior Subordinated Debentures. We generally fund our capital expenditure requirements with cash generated from operations.

We believe our available borrowing capacity and operating cash flows will be sufficient in the near term. As of September 30, 2009 we had cash and cash equivalents of \$790.8 million and \$1.5 billion of available borrowing capacity under our Senior Unsecured Credit Facility, net of outstanding letters of credit. The Senior Unsecured Credit Facility matures on September 15, 2011.

In Australia, we have a bank overdraft facility that has a total capacity of approximately \$15 million Australian dollars (approximately \$13 million U.S. dollars). As of September 30, 2009, we had approximately \$0.2 million of available capacity under this facility.

Net cash provided by operating activities from continuing operations decreased \$134.3 million compared to the prior year primarily due to the decline in operating cash flows generated from our Australian mining operations and the timing of cash flows from our working capital, primarily driven by foreign income tax payments related to prior year earnings. During the nine months ended September 30, 2009, we made funding contributions of \$37.7 million to our pension plans. No additional pension plan payments are currently required or anticipated during the remainder of 2009.

The decrease in cash used in discontinued operations of \$99.8 million was due to approximately \$59 million of cash received related to coal excise tax refunds in 2009 (see Note 4 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for more information related to the excise tax refund) and lower current year payments related to Patriot discontinued operations.

Net cash used in investing activities from continuing operations decreased \$180.4 million compared to the prior year due to the prior year acquisition of noncontrolling interests at our Millennium Mine of \$106.9 million, lower current year federal coal lease expenditures of \$54.9 million and lower capital spending of \$15.5 million.

Net cash used in financing activities decreased \$134.9 million primarily due to prior year payments related to our revolving line of credit (\$97.7 million), the repurchase of common stock (\$58.4 million), and additional long-term debt repayments (\$16.2 million), partially offset by \$40.1 million of lower proceeds and tax benefits associated with stock options exercised.

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Our total indebtedness as of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, consisted of the following:

	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
	(Dollars in millions)	
Term Loan under the Senior Unsecured Credit Facility	\$ 490.3	\$ 490.3
Convertible Junior Subordinated Debentures due 2066	371.1	369.9
7.375% Senior Notes due 2016	650.0	650.0
6.875% Senior Notes due 2013	650.0	650.0
7.875% Senior Notes due 2026	247.1	247.0
5.875% Senior Notes due 2016	218.1	218.1
6.84% Series C Bonds due 2016	43.0	43.0
6.34% Series B Bonds due 2014	18.0	18.0
6.84% Series A Bonds due 2014	10.0	10.0
Capital lease obligations	70.0	81.2
Fair value hedge adjustment	8.5	15.1
Other	0.8	1.0
Total	\$ 2,776.9	\$ 2,793.6

Third-party Security Ratings

The ratings for our Senior Unsecured Credit Facility and our Senior Unsecured Notes are as follows: Moody's has issued a Ba1 rating, Standard & Poor's a BB+ rating, and Fitch has issued a BB+ rating. The ratings on our Convertible Junior Subordinated Debentures are as follows: Moody's has issued a Ba3 rating, Standard & Poor's a B+ rating, and Fitch has issued a BB- rating. These security ratings reflected the views of the rating agency only. An explanation of the significance of these ratings may be obtained from the rating agency. Such ratings are not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities, but rather an indication of creditworthiness. Any rating can be revised upward or downward or withdrawn at any time by a rating agency if it decides that the circumstances warrant the change. Each rating should be evaluated independently of any other rating.

Capital Expenditures

Total capital expenditures for 2009 are expected to be between \$325 million to \$375 million, excluding federal coal reserve lease payments. These planned expenditures relate to sustaining capital at our existing mines, development of our Bear Run Mine in the Midwest (approximately \$85 million), and the funding of our Prairie State Energy Campus investment (approximately \$60 million).

Shelf Registration Statement

On August 7, 2009, we filed an automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3 as a well-known seasoned issuer with the SEC. The registration was for an indeterminate number of securities and is effective for three years, at which time we expect to be able to file an automatic shelf registration statement that would become immediately effective for another three-year term. Under this universal shelf registration statement, we have the capacity to offer and sell from time to time securities, including common stock, preferred stock, debt securities, warrants and units.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

In the normal course of business, we are a party to off-balance sheet arrangements, which include guarantees, indemnifications, financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk, such as bank letters of credit and performance or surety bonds and our accounts receivable securitization. Liabilities related to these arrangements are not reflected in our unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets, and we do not expect any material adverse effects on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows to result from these off-balance sheet arrangements.

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Under our accounts receivable securitization program, undivided interests in a pool of eligible trade receivables contributed to our wholly-owned, bankruptcy-remote subsidiary are sold, without recourse, to a multi-seller, asset-backed commercial paper conduit (Conduit). Purchases by the Conduit are financed with the sale of highly rated commercial paper. We utilize proceeds from the sale of our accounts receivable as an alternative to other forms of debt, effectively reducing our overall borrowing costs. The securitization program and the underlying facilities were renewed in May 2009 and expire in May 2012. The securitization transactions have been recorded as sales, with those accounts receivable sold to the Conduit removed from the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets. The amount of undivided interests in accounts receivable sold to the Conduit was \$258.8 million as of September 30, 2009 and \$275.0 million as of December 31, 2008.

There were no other material changes to our off-balance sheet arrangements during the three months ended September 30, 2009. See Note 17 to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for a discussion of our guarantees. Our off-balance sheet arrangements are discussed in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on August 6, 2009.

Newly Adopted Accounting Standards and Accounting Standards Not Yet Implemented

See Note 2 to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for a discussion of newly adopted accounting standards and accounting standards not yet implemented.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

The potential for changes in the market value of our coal and freight trading, emission allowances, crude oil, diesel fuel, natural gas, explosives, interest rate and currency portfolios is referred to as market risk. Market risk related to our coal trading and freight portfolio is evaluated using a value at risk analysis (VaR), which is described below. VaR analysis is not used to evaluate our non-trading interest rate, diesel fuel, explosives or currency hedging portfolios. A description of each market risk category is set forth below. We attempt to manage market risks through diversification, controlling position sizes and executing hedging strategies. Due to lack of quoted market prices and the long-term, illiquid nature of the positions, we have not quantified market risk related to our non-trading, long-term coal supply agreement portfolio.

Coal Trading Activities and Related Commodity Price Risk

We engage in over-the-counter, direct and brokered trading of coal, ocean freight and fuel-related commodities to support our coal trading related activities. These activities give rise to commodity price risk, which represents the potential loss that can be caused by an adverse change in the market value of a particular commitment. We actively measure, monitor and adjust traded position levels to remain within risk limits prescribed by management. For example, we have policies in place that limit the amount of total exposure, in VaR terms, that we may assume at any point in time.

We account for coal trading using the fair value method, which requires us to reflect financial instruments with third parties, such as forwards, swaps and options, at market value in our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements. Our trading portfolio included forwards, swaps and options as of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008.

We perform a VaR analysis on our coal trading portfolio, which includes over-the-counter, exchange-settled and brokerage trading of coal. The use of VaR allows us to quantify in dollars, on a daily basis, the price risk inherent in our trading portfolio. VaR represents the potential loss in value of our mark-to-market portfolio due to adverse market movements over a defined time horizon (liquidation period) within a specified confidence level. Our VaR model is based on a variance/co-variance approach. This captures our exposure related to forwards, swaps and options positions. Our VaR model assumes a 5 to 15-day holding period and a 95% one-tailed confidence interval. This means that there is a one in 20 statistical chance that the portfolio would lose more than the VaR estimates during the liquidation period. Our volatility calculation incorporates an exponentially weighted moving average algorithm based on the previous 60 market days, which makes our volatility more representative of recent market conditions, while still reflecting an awareness of historical price movements.

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The use of VaR allows us to aggregate pricing risks across products in the portfolio, compare risk on a consistent basis and identify the drivers of risk. We use historical data to estimate price volatility as an input to VaR. Given our reliance on historical data, we believe VaR is reasonably effective in estimating risk exposures in markets in which there are not sudden fundamental changes or shifts in market conditions. Due to the subjectivity in the choice of the liquidation period, reliance on historical data to calibrate the models and the inherent limitations in the VaR methodology, we perform regular stress and scenario analyses to estimate the impacts of market changes on the value of the portfolio. Additionally, back-testing is regularly performed to monitor the effectiveness of our VaR measure. The results of these analyses are used to supplement the VaR methodology and identify additional market-related risks. An inherent limitation of VaR is that past changes in market risk factors may not produce accurate predictions of future market risk.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2009, the actual low, high, and average VaR for our coal trading portfolio were \$4.7 million, \$15.9 million, and \$10.1 million, respectively. Our VaR decreased over the prior year due to less price volatility and lower overall prices in the U.S. and international coal markets.

We also monitor other types of risk associated with our coal trading activities, including credit, market liquidity and counterparty nonperformance.

Nonperformance and Credit Risk

Our concentration of nonperformance and credit risk is primarily with electric utilities, steel producers, energy producers and energy marketers. Our policy is to independently evaluate each customer's creditworthiness prior to entering into transactions and to regularly monitor the credit extended. If we engage in a transaction with a counterparty that does not meet our credit standards, we seek to protect our position by requiring the counterparty to provide an appropriate credit enhancement. When appropriate (as determined by our credit management function), we have taken steps to reduce our exposure to customers or counterparties whose credit has deteriorated and who may pose a higher risk of failure to perform under their contractual obligations. These steps include obtaining letters of credit or cash collateral, requiring prepayments for shipments or the creation of customer trust accounts held for our benefit to serve as collateral in the event of a failure to pay or perform. To reduce our credit exposure related to trading and brokerage activities, we seek to enter into agreements that include netting language with counterparties that permit us to offset receivables and payables with such counterparties and, to the extent required, will post or receive margin amounts associated with exchange-cleared positions.

We conduct our various hedging activities related to foreign currency, interest rate management, and fuel and explosives exposures with a variety of highly-rated commercial banks. In light of the recent turmoil in the financial markets we continue to closely monitor counterparty creditworthiness.

Foreign Currency Risk

We utilize currency forwards and options to hedge currency risk associated with anticipated Australian dollar expenditures. The accounting for these derivatives is discussed in Note 15 to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements. Assuming we had no hedges in place, our exposure in operating costs and expenses due to a five-cent change in the Australian dollar/U.S. dollar exchange rate is approximately \$87 million for the next 12 months. However, taking into consideration hedges currently in place, our net exposure to the same rate change is approximately \$28 million for the next 12 months. The chart at the end of Item 3 shows the notional amount of our hedge contracts as of September 30, 2009.

Interest Rate Risk

Our objectives in managing exposure to interest rate changes are to limit the impact of interest rate changes on earnings and cash flows and to lower overall borrowing costs. To achieve these objectives, we manage fixed-rate debt as a percent of net debt through the use of various hedging instruments, which are discussed in detail in Note 15 to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements. As of September 30, 2009, after taking into consideration the effects of interest rate swaps, we had \$2.4 billion of fixed-rate borrowings and \$0.4 billion of variable-rate borrowings outstanding. A one percentage point increase in interest rates would result in an annualized increase to interest expense of approximately \$4 million on our variable-rate borrowings. With respect to our fixed-rate borrowings, a one percentage point increase in interest rates would result in a decrease of approximately \$124 million in the estimated fair value of these borrowings.

Table of Contents**Other Non-trading Activities Commodity Price Risk***Long-term Coal Contracts*

We manage our commodity price risk for our non-trading, long-term coal contract portfolio through the use of long-term coal supply agreements (those with terms longer than one year), rather than through the use of derivative instruments. We sold 90% of our worldwide sales volume under long-term coal supply agreements during 2008.

Diesel Fuel and Explosives Hedges

Some of the products used in our mining activities, such as diesel fuel and explosives, are subject to commodity price risk. To manage this risk, we use fixed price contracts, cost plus contracts and a combination of forward contracts with our suppliers and financial derivative contracts, which are primarily swap contracts with financial institutions.

Notional amounts outstanding under fuel-related, derivative swap contracts are noted in the chart at the end of Item 3. We expect to consume 128 to 132 million gallons of diesel fuel in the next 12 months. Assuming we had no hedges in place, a \$10 dollar per barrel change in the price of crude oil (the primary component of a refined diesel fuel product) would increase or decrease our annual diesel fuel costs by approximately \$31 million based on our expected usage. However, taking into consideration hedges currently in place, our net exposure to changes in the price of crude oil is approximately \$12 million.

Notional amounts outstanding under explosives-related swap contracts are noted in the chart at the end of Item 3. We expect to consume 345,000 to 355,000 tons of explosives in the next 12 months in the U.S. Explosives costs in Australia are generally included in the fees paid to our contract miners. Assuming we had no hedges in place, a price change in natural gas (often a key component in the production of explosives) of one dollar per million MMBtu would result in an increase or decrease in our annual explosives costs of approximately \$6 million based on our expected usage. However, taking into consideration hedges currently in place, our net exposure to changes in the price of natural gas is approximately \$3 million.

The following summarizes our interest rate, foreign currency and commodity positions at September 30, 2009:

Notional Amount by Year of Maturity

	Total	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 and thereafter
Interest Rate Swaps							
Fixed-to-floating (dollars in millions)	\$ 50.0	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$50.0	\$
Floating-to-fixed (dollars in millions)	\$ 142.0	\$	\$	\$120.0	\$	\$	\$22.0
Foreign Currency							
A\$:US\$ hedge contracts (A\$ millions)	\$2,518.5	\$315.2	\$1,099.3	\$759.0	\$345.0	\$	\$
Commodity Contracts							
Diesel fuel hedge contracts (million gallons)	183.9	25.1	69.4	56.5	32.9		
U.S. explosives hedge contracts (million MMBtu)	3.7	0.7	3.0				

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	Account Classification by			
	Cash flow hedge	Fair value hedge	Economic hedge	Fair Value Asset (Liability) (Dollars in millions)
Interest Rate Swaps				
Fixed-to-floating (dollars in millions)	\$	\$50.0	\$	\$ 0.9
Floating-to-fixed (dollars in millions)	\$ 142.0	\$	\$	\$ (11.0)
Foreign Currency				
A\$:US\$ hedge contracts (A\$ millions)	\$2,518.5	\$	\$	\$ 175.4
Commodity Contracts				
Diesel fuel hedge contracts (million gallons)	182.0		1.9	\$ (68.2)
U.S. explosives hedge contracts (million MMBtu)	3.7			\$ (6.3)

Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

Our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to, among other things, provide reasonable assurance that material information, both financial and non-financial, and other information required under the securities laws to be disclosed is accumulated and communicated to senior management, including the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, on a timely basis. Our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer have evaluated our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) as of September 30, 2009, and have concluded that such controls and procedures are effective to provide reasonable assurance that the desired control objectives were achieved.

Additionally, during the most recent fiscal quarter, there have been no changes to our internal control over financial reporting that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Table of Contents**PART II OTHER INFORMATION****Item 1. Legal Proceedings.**

See Note 16 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this report relating to certain legal proceedings, which information is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds.

In July 2005, our Board of Directors authorized a share repurchase program of up to 5% of the then outstanding shares of our common stock, approximately 13 million shares. The repurchases may be made from time to time based on an evaluation of our outlook and general business conditions, as well as alternative investment and debt repayment options. In addition, our Board of Directors had previously authorized our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer to repurchase up to \$100 million of our common stock outside the share repurchase program. In October 2008, our Board of Directors amended the share repurchase program to increase the total authorized amount to \$1 billion. The amended repurchase program does not have an expiration date and may be discontinued at any time. As of September 30, 2009, there was \$700.4 million available for share repurchases under the program. There were no share repurchases under this program during the three months ended September 30, 2009.

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased ⁽¹⁾	Average Price per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Program	Maximum Dollar Value that May
				Yet Be Used to Repurchase Shares Under the Publicly Announced Program (In Millions)
July 1 through July 31, 2009		\$		\$ 700.4
August 1 through August 31, 2009	1,309	35.35		700.4
September 1 through September 30, 2009	369	32.14		700.4
Total	1,678	\$ 34.64		

(1) Represents 1,678 shares withheld to cover the withholding taxes upon the vesting of restricted stock and issuance of common stock related to performance units.

Item 6. Exhibits.

See Exhibit Index at page 55 of this report.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

Date: November 6, 2009

By: /s/ MICHAEL C. CREWS
Michael C. Crews
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer
(On behalf of the registrant and as Principal
Financial Officer)

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EXHIBIT INDEX

The exhibits below are numbered in accordance with the Exhibit Table of Item 601 of Regulation S-K.

Exhibit

No.	Description of Exhibit
3.1	Third Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant, as amended (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2008).
3.2	Amended and Restated By-Laws of the Registrant (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 16, 2008).
31.1*	Certification of periodic financial report by Peabody Energy Corporation's Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2*	Certification of periodic financial report by Peabody Energy Corporation's Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1*	Certification of periodic financial report pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, by Peabody Energy Corporation's Chief Executive Officer.
32.2*	Certification of periodic financial report pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, by Peabody Energy Corporation's Chief Financial Officer.
101**	Interactive Data File (Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2009 furnished in XBRL). Users of this data are advised in accordance with Rule 406T of Regulation S-T promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission that this Interactive Data File is deemed not filed or part of a registration statement or prospectus for purposes of sections 11 or 12 of the Securities Act of 1933, is deemed not filed for purposes of section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and otherwise is not subject to liability under these sections. The financial information contained in the XBRL-related documents is unaudited and unreviewed.

* Filed herewith.

** Submitted
herewith.