

CLOUD PEAK ENERGY INC.

Form 3

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FORM 3**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *

RIO TINTO PLC

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2 EASTBOURNE TERRACE,Â

(Street)

LONDON,Â X0Â W2 6LG

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

11/19/2009

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

CLOUD PEAK ENERGY INC. [CLD]

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☒ 10% Owner
☐ Officer ☐ Other
(give title below) (specify below)5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line)

☐ Form filed by One Reporting
Person☒ Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially
owned directly or indirectly.

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currently valid OMB control number.****Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)Date Expiration
Exercisable Date3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)Title Amount or
Number of
Shares4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of
Derivative
Security5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Common Membership Units	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Stock of Cloud Peak Energy Inc., par value \$.01/share	60,000,000	\$ (1)	I (2)	See footnote (2)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RIO TINTO PLC 2 EASTBOURNE TERRACE LONDON,Â X0Â W2 6LG	Â X	Â X	Â	Â
RIO TINTO EUROPEAN HOLDINGS LTD 2 EASTBOURNE TERRACE LONDON,Â X0Â W2 6LG	Â X	Â X	Â	Â
RIO TINTO WESTERN HOLDINGS LTD 2 EASTBOURNE TERRACE LONDON,Â X0Â W2 6LG	Â X	Â X	Â	Â
RIO TINTO AMERICA HOLDINGS INC 100 QUENTIN ROOSEVELT BOULEVARD GARDEN CITY,Â NYÂ 11530	Â X	Â X	Â	Â
RTAH LLC P.O. BOX 3009 505 SOUTH GILLETTE AVENUE GILLETTE,Â WYÂ 82717-3009	Â X	Â X	Â	Â
RIO TINTO AMERICA INC 3595 S 8309 W MAGNA,Â UTÂ 84044	Â X	Â X	Â	Â
RIO TINTO ENERGY AMERICA INC 505 SOUTH GILLETTE AVENUE GILLETTE,Â WYÂ 82717-3009	Â X	Â X	Â	Â
KENNECOTT MANAGEMENT SERVICES CO P.O. BOX 3009 505 SOUTH GILLETTE AVENUE GILLETTE,Â WYÂ 82717-3009	Â X	Â X	Â	Â

Signatures

/s/ Jim Berson, Attorney-in-Fact, RIO TINTO PLC

11/17/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

/s/ Jim Berson, Attorney-in-Fact, RIO TINTO EUROPEAN HOLDINGS LIMITED

11/17/2009

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<u>Signature of Reporting Person</u>	Date
/s/ Jim Berson, Attorney-in-Fact, RIO TINTO WESTERN HOLDINGS LIMITED	11/17/2009
<u>Signature of Reporting Person</u>	Date
/s/ Jim Berson, Attorney-in-Fact, RIO TINTO AMERICA HOLDINGS INC.	11/17/2009
<u>Signature of Reporting Person</u>	Date
/s/ Jim Berson, Attorney-in-Fact, RTAH LLC	11/17/2009
<u>Signature of Reporting Person</u>	Date
/s/ Jim Berson, Attorney-in-Fact, RIO TINTO AMERICA INC.	11/17/2009
<u>Signature of Reporting Person</u>	Date
/s/ Jim Berson, Attorney-in-Fact, RIO TINTO ENERGY AMERICA INC.	11/17/2009
<u>Signature of Reporting Person</u>	Date
/s/ Jim Berson, Attorney-in-Fact, KENNECOTT MANAGEMENT SERVICES COMPANY	11/17/2009
<u>Signature of Reporting Person</u>	Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) For text of Footnote 1, see Exhibit 99.1.
- (2) For text of Footnote 2, see Exhibit 99.1.

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Remarks:

PrestonÂ ChiaroÂ servesÂ onÂ theÂ boardÂ ofÂ directorsÂ ofÂ theÂ IssuerÂ andÂ isÂ theÂ GroupÂ Executive,Â Technol
Â Tinto.Â Â AsÂ aÂ result,Â theÂ ReportingÂ OwnersÂ mayÂ beÂ deemedÂ directorsÂ ofÂ theÂ IssuerÂ byÂ deputization.

ExhibitÂ List

ExhibitÂ 24Â -Â PowersÂ ofÂ Attorney

ExhibitÂ 99.1Â -Â TextÂ ofÂ FootnoteÂ 1Â andÂ FootnoteÂ 2.

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