SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) October 2, 2003

CONSOL Energy Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other 001-14901 (Commission 51-0337383 (IRS Employer

jurisdiction of incorporation)

File No.)

Identification No.)

Consol Plaza

1800 Washington Road

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15241

(Address of principal executive offices including zip code)

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(412) 831-4000

 $\label{lem:Registrant} \textbf{Registrant} \ \ \textbf{s} \ \textbf{telephone} \ \textbf{number}, \textbf{including} \ \textbf{area} \ \textbf{code} \textbf{:}$

Not applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.

CONSOL Energy Inc. issued a press release on October 2, 2003 announcing that RWE of Essen, its largest shareholder, agreed to sell approximately 27.3 million shares of its CONSOL Energy Inc. common stock in a private placement. A copy of the press release is attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release of CONSOL Energy Inc. dated October 2, 2003. |

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

CONSOL ENERGY INC.

By: /s/ WILLIAM J. LYONS

William J. Lyons

Senior Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

Dated: October 3, 2003

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99.1 Press Release of CONSOL Energy Inc. dated October 2, 2003.