

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/
 Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Duer Walter M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/ [HCC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC., 13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/14/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

(Street)
 HOUSTON, TX 77040

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	05/14/2008		A	(1) 3,330 \$ 24.02	3,330	D	
Common Stock					5,830	D	
Common Stock					2,006.483	I	Owned by Family LP

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Pr Deri Secur (Inst	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase (2)	\$ 19.47					(3)	08/26/2012	Common Stock	37,500
Option to Purchase (2)	\$ 21.37					12/20/2005	12/20/2009	Common Stock	18,750
Option to Purchase (4)	\$ 30.85					01/05/2007	01/05/2011	Common Stock	12,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Duer Walter M
C/O HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC.
13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY
HOUSTON, TX 77040

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Signatures

Edward H. Ellis, Jr. as Attorney in Fact for Walter M. Duer

05/16/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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As part of the HCC Board of Directors compensation package, each non-employee Director receives a grant of HCC common stock in the

- (1) amount of the number of shares determined by dividing \$80,000 by the closing price on the date of the Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The Annual Meeting of Shareholders was Wednesday, May 14, 2008.
- (2) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2001 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (3) The options vest over a 60-month period, the aggregate number of shares purchasable are as follows: 8/26/05 - 7,500; 8/26/06 - 15,000; 8/26/07 - 22,500; 8/26/08 - 30,000; 8/26/09 - 37,500.
- (4) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2004 Flexible Incentive Plan.

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