

Rinicella Randy D  
 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 \*  
 Rinicella Randy D

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)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr. V.P. & General Counsel

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/24/2010

HOUSTON, TX 77040  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. 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 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) Price  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | V   | 15,435  | D  |                                   |

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)**

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| 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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Option to Purchase <sup>(1)</sup>          | \$ 24.95   | 08/24/2010                           |  | A                              | 25,000  | <sup>(2)</sup> 08/24/2016                                | Common Stock  | 25,000                        |
| Option to Purchase <sup>(3)</sup>          | \$ 27.85   |                                      |  |                                |   | <sup>(4)</sup> 08/28/2013                                | Common Stock  | 75,000                        |
| Option to Purchase <sup>(3)</sup>          | \$ 23.43   |                                      |  |                                |   | <sup>(5)</sup> 05/13/2014                                | Common Stock  | 50,000                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                            |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                    | Other |
| Rinicella Randy D<br>C/O HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC.<br>13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY<br>HOUSTON, TX 77040 |               |           | Sr. V.P. & General Counsel |       |

## Signatures

Randy D. 08/25/2010  
Rinicella

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(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) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2008 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (2) The options vest at 5,000 shares annually for 5 years beginning on 8/24/2011.
- (3) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2004 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (4) The options vest at 15,000 shares annually for 5 years beginning on 8/28/2008.
- (5) The options vest at 10,000 shares annually for 5 years beginning on 05/13/2009.

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