

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/  
Form 8-K  
March 15, 2011

**UNITED STATES  
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): March 10, 2011  
HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)**

**001-13790  
(Commission File Number)**

**76-0336636  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)**

**13403 Northwest Freeway  
Houston, Texas 77040  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)  
(713) 690-7300  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On March 10, 2011, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the Committee) of HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. (the Company) adopted the following compensation-related decisions regarding the Company's named executive officers (*i.e.* those executive officers for whom disclosure was required in the Company's 2010 Proxy Statement):

**2010 Cash Performance Awards**

The Committee approved the actual amounts to be paid to certain executive officers, including our named executive officers, for cash performance awards made in 2010 under the Company's 2008 Flexible Incentive Plan (the 2008 FIP), as follows:

<b>Named Executive Officer</b>	<b>2010 Cash Performance Award</b>
John N. Molbeck, Jr.	\$ 3,250,000
Craig J. Kelbel	\$ 675,000
Michael J. Schell	\$ 725,000
W. Tobin Whamond	\$ 500,000

In addition, the Committee awarded discretionary annual incentive awards to named executive officers who did not receive cash performance awards in 2010 under the 2008 FIP, as follows:

<b>Named Executive Officer</b>	<b>2010 Discretionary Annual Incentive Award</b>
Barry J. Cook	\$ 978,000*
Brad T. Irick	\$ 250,000

**2011 Cash Performance Award Targets**

The Committee designated named executive officers as participants and established targets for the cash performance awards in 2011 under the 2008 FIP, as follows:

<b>Named Executive Officer</b>	<b>2011 Cash Performance Award Target</b>
John N. Molbeck, Jr.	1.00%
Brad T. Irick	0.25%
Craig J. Kelbel	0.25%
Michael J. Schell	0.25%
W. Tobin Whamond	0.25%

The target awards are expressed as a percentage of the Company's pre-tax income for 2011. The actual amount paid under these cash performance awards may differ from the 2011 target. Under the terms of the 2008 FIP, the Committee has the authority to reduce any award down to zero, at any time until such award is paid on March 15, 2012.

\* Converted from British pounds sterling using an exchange rate of 1.63

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc.

By: /s/ Randy D. Rinicella  
Randy D. Rinicella  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
& Secretary

DATED: March 15, 2011