

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/  
Form 8-K  
December 17, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**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): **December 17, 2012**

**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)

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(713) 690-7300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure**

On December 17, 2012, HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing its preliminary estimate of fourth quarter 2012 catastrophe losses. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein solely for purposes of this Item 7.01 disclosure.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

| No.  | Exhibit                               |
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| 99.1 | Press Release dated December 17, 2012 |

*In connection with the disclosure set forth in Item 7.01, the information in this Current Report, including the exhibits attached hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of such section. The information in this Current Report, including the exhibits, shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, whether made before or after the date hereof and regardless of any incorporation by reference language in any such filing. This Current Report will not be deemed an admission as to the materiality of any information in this Current Report that is required to be disclosed solely by Regulation FD.*

**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/ Alexander M Ludlow  
Alexander M Ludlow  
Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary

DATED: December 17, 2012