

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/
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FORM 4

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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 *
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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)

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

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

C/O HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC., 13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY

(Street)

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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HOUSTON, TX 77040

(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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	05/14/2008		A	(1)	3,330 \$ 24.02	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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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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