

Cook Barry J
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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 *
 Cook Barry J

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)
 11/19/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

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
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock				V	7,050	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)			
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Option to Purchase <u>(1)</u>	\$ 25.88					<u>(2)</u>	07/22/2011		Common Stock	100,000
Option to Purchase <u>(1)</u>	\$ 30.05					<u>(3)</u>	01/04/2012		Common Stock	100,000
Option to Purchase <u>(1)</u>	\$ 31.92					<u>(4)</u>	05/09/2011		Common Stock	50,000
Option to Purchase <u>(5)</u>	\$ 20.86	11/19/2008		A	100,000	<u>(6)</u>	11/19/2014		Common Stock	100,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Cook Barry J
 C/O HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC.
 13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY
 HOUSTON, TX 77040

Executive Vice President

Signatures

Edward H. Ellis, Jr. as Attorney in Fact for Barry J. Cook
11/21/2008

 **Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** 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 2004 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (2) The options vest equally annually over a 5 year period beginning 07/22/06 @ 20,000 shares per year.
- (3) The options vest equally annually over a 5 year period beginning 01/04/07 @ 20,000 shares per year.
- (4) The options vest as follows: 16,667 on 12/31/07; 16,666 on 12/31/08; and 16,667 on 12/31/09.
- (5) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2008 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (6) The options vest equally annually over a 5 year period beginning 11/19/09 @ 20,000 shares per year.

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