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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

OESTERREICHER JAMES E (Month/Day/Year)

(Last) (First)

C/O HCC INSURANCE

HOLDINGS, INC., 13403

(Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

05/24/2007

Statement

4. Relationship of Reporting

Person(s) to Issuer

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/ [HCC]

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. If Amendment, Date Original

(Check all applicable)

NORTHWEST FREEWAY

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

HOUSTON, TXÂ 77040

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5) Form: Direct (D)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security**

5. 4 Conversion Ownership or Exercise Form of Derivative Price of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

(Instr. 4)

Date **Expiration Title** Exercisable Date

Amount or Number of

Derivative Security: Security Direct (D)

Shares

or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

OESTERREICHER JAMES E

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

HOUSTON, TXÂ 77040

Signatures

Frank J. Bramanti as Attorney in Fact for James E. Oesterreicher

05/29/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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