

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 *
ELLIS EDWARD H JR

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
06/05/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President & CFO

(Street)
HOUSTON, TX 77040

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	06/05/2008		M	37,500 A \$ 15.65	115,500	D	
Common Stock	06/05/2008		S	35,500 D \$ 24.4384	80,000	D	
Common Stock					375	I	By Wife

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)

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 or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase <u>(1)</u>	\$ 15.65	06/05/2008		M	37,500	<u>(2)</u>	07/22/2008	Common Stock	37,500
Option to Purchase <u>(1)</u>	\$ 16.8					<u>(3)</u>	01/03/2009	Common Stock	37,500
Option to Purchase <u>(4)</u>	\$ 28.53					<u>(5)</u>	09/28/2011	Common Stock	100,000
Option to Purchase <u>(4)</u>	\$ 33.18					<u>(6)</u>	04/10/2011	Common Stock	50,000
Option to Purchase <u>(4)</u>	\$ 31.92					<u>(7)</u>	05/09/2011	Common Stock	50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ELLIS EDWARD H JR C/O HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC. 13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY HOUSTON, TX 77040	X		Executive Vice President & CFO	

Signatures

Randy D. Rinicella as Attorney in Fact for Edward H. Ellis, Jr.

06/06/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2001 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (2) The options vest equally annually over a 5 year period beginning 07/22/03 at 7,500 shares per year.
- (3) The options vest equally annually over a 5 year period beginning 01/03/04 at 7,500 shares per year.
- (4) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2004 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (5) The options vest equally annually over a 4 year period beginning 09/28/06 at 25,000 shares per year.
- (6) The options vest annually over a 3 year period at 16,667, 16,666 and 16,667 each year respectively beginning 04/10/07.
- (7) The options vest annually over a 3 year period at 16,667, 16,666 and 16,667 each year respectively beginning 12/31/07.

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