

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/  
Form 8-K  
December 12, 2008

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**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): 12/12/2008**

**HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Commission File Number: 001-13790**

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**76-0336636**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**13403 Northwest Freeway**  
Houston, Texas 77040  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**713-690-7300**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing 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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On December 12, 2008, we announced the acquisition of Arrowhead Public Risk, a division of Arrowhead General Insurance Agency, Inc. In addition, HCC has acquired the Criminal Justice division of U.S. Risk Insurance Brokers.

A copy of our press release announcing both acquisitions is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

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**Signature(s)**

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.

Date: December 12, 2008

By: /s/ Frank J. Bramanti

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Frank J. Bramanti  
Chief Executive Officer

**Exhibit Index**

| <b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b> | <b><u>Description</u></b> |
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| EX-99.1                   | Press Release             |