

Rinicella Randy D  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Rinicella Randy D

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)  
  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Sr. V.P. & General Counsel

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
C/O HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC., 13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/24/2010

HOUSTON, TX 77040  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	15,435	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 or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 24.95	08/24/2010		A	25,000	(2) 08/24/2016	Common Stock 25,000
Option to Purchase <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 27.85					(4) 08/28/2013	Common Stock 75,000
Option to Purchase <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 23.43					(5) 05/13/2014	Common Stock 50,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Rinicella Randy D C/O HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC. 13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY HOUSTON, TX 77040			Sr. V.P. & General Counsel	

## Signatures

Randy D. 08/25/2010  
Rinicella

        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 2008 Flexible Incentive Plan.

(2) The options vest at 5,000 shares annually for 5 years beginning on 8/24/2011.

(3) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2004 Flexible Incentive Plan.

(4) The options vest at 15,000 shares annually for 5 years beginning on 8/28/2008.

(5) The options vest at 10,000 shares annually for 5 years beginning on 05/13/2009.

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