

HAMILTON THOMAS M
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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 *
 HAMILTON THOMAS M

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)
 05/23/2012

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

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	4,000	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 (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)	8. P... Der... Sec... (Ins...			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Deferred Stock	(1)					(2)	(2)			Common Stock	11,524.7
Deferred Stock	(1)	05/23/2012		A	2,540 (3)	(2)	(2)			Common Stock	2,540

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HAMILTON THOMAS M
 C/O HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC. X
 13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY
 HOUSTON, TX 77040

Signatures

Alexander M Ludlow as Attorney in Fact for Thomas M.
 Hamilton

05/24/2012

__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) Each share of deferred stock represents the right to receive one share of HCC common stock.

(2) The deferred stock will be payable to the reporting person in shares of HCC common stock upon occurrence of certain payment events, including reporting persons termination of service as a director or a change in control of HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc.

As part of the annual director compensation package, each non-employee director received a grant of a whole number of shares of HCC common stock determined by dividing \$80,000 by the closing price on May 23, 2012, the date of the Annual Meeting of Stockholders.
 (3) The reporting person has elected to defer receipt of such shares pursuant to the HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

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