

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/

Form 8-K

October 19, 2004

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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

October 18, 2004
Date of Report
(Date of earliest event reported)

HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-20766
(Commission File Number)

76-0336636
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

13403 Northwest Freeway
Houston, Texas 77040-6094
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

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

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:

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Section 8 Other Events

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On October 19, 2004, HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release related to its offer to exchange an aggregate principal amount of up to \$172,442,000 of the Company s 2.00% Convertible Exchange Notes due 2021 for a like principal amount of the Company s issued and outstanding 2.00% Convertible Notes due 2021. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Item 9.01. Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Title of Document</u>
99.1	Press Release dated October 19, 2004

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SIGNATURES

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.

By: /s/ Edward H. Ellis
Edward H. Ellis
Executive Vice President

Dated: October 18, 2004

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