

HAMILTON THOMAS M  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
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)  
01/17/2012

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					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 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)	8.			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Deferred Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>(2)</u>					<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>			Common Stock	11,404.62
Deferred Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>(2)</u>	01/17/2012		A	63.07 <u>(4)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>			Common Stock	63.07

### Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

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

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

X

### Signatures

Randy D. Rinicella as Attorney in Fact for Thomas M. Hamilton

01/18/2012

\_\_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) Represents stock compensation deferred pursuant to the HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors (the "Plan").
- (2) Each share of deferred stock represents the right to receive one share of HCC common stock.
- (3) The deferred stock will be payable to the reporting person in shares of HCC common stock upon occurrence of certain payment events, including reporting person's termination of service as a director or a change in control of HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc.
- (4) Represents dividend equivalents on compensation deferred under the Plan.
- (5) Represents the closing price of HCC's common stock on Tuesday, January 17, 2012.

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