

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/
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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 *
 FLAGG JAMES C

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)
 13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/27/2005

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

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/27/2005		M		15,000	A	\$ 24
Common Stock	05/27/2005		S		15,000	D	\$ 39.5

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)

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 <u>(1)</u>	\$ 24	05/27/2005		M	15,000	<u>(2)</u> 03/29/2007	Common Stock 20,000
Option to Purchase <u>(3)</u>	\$ 24.92					01/03/2004 01/03/2009	Common Stock 25,000
Option to Purchase <u>(3)</u>	\$ 25.2					01/24/2003 01/24/2008	Common Stock 12,500
Option to Purchase <u>(3)</u>	\$ 32					12/20/2005 12/20/2009	Common Stock 12,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FLAGG JAMES C 13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY HOUSTON, TX 77040			X	

Signatures

Edward H. Ellis, Jr. as Attorney-in-Fact for James C. Flagg 05/27/2005

__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 1996 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan.

(2) The options vest over a 36-month period, the aggregate number of shares purchasable as follows: 03/29/02 - 6,666; 03/29/04 - 13,333; 02/29/04 - 20,000.

(3) Option to purchase granted pursuant to 2001 Flexible Incentive Plan.

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