

Penny Pamela J
Form 4
May 12, 2011

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Penny Pamela J

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/11/2011

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
EVP & Chief Accounting Officer

HOUSTON, TX 77040

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

(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 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/11/2011		M	35,000	(A) or (D) A \$ 27.56	48,516	D
Common Stock	05/11/2011		S	35,000	(A) or (D) D \$ 32.27 (1)	13,516	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)

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 (2)	\$ 27.56	05/11/2011		M		35,000		(4)	07/22/2011	Common Stock	35,000
Option to Purchase (3)	\$ 31.11							(5)	03/02/2013	Common Stock	50,000
Option to Purchase (6)	\$ 20.86							(7)	11/19/2014	Common Stock	100,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Penny Pamela J C/O HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC. 13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY HOUSTON, TX 77040	EVP & Chief Accounting Officer

Signatures

Randy D. Rinicella as Attorney in Fact for Pamela J.
Penney
 **Signature of Reporting Person
 Date
 05/12/2011

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) The price \$32.27 represents a weighted average of sales prices ranging from \$32.16 to \$32.36. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price will be provided to the SEC, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer upon request.
- (2) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2004 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (3) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2001 Flexible Incentive Plan.

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- (4) The options vest equally annually beginning 07/22/06 @ 7,000 shares per year.
- (5) The options vest equally annually beginning 03/02/08 @ 10,000 shares per year.
- (6) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2008 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (7) The options vest equally annually beginning 11/19/09 @ 20,000 shares per year.

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