HAMILTON THOMAS M

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

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

HAMILTON THOMAS M

(Middle)

(Zip)

Symbol

(Check all applicable)

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS

INC/DE/ [HCC]

X_ Director 10% Owner

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

05/26/2011

Officer (give title Other (specify

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

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

HOUSTON, TX 77040

(City) (State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

Common Stock

D 4,000

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 proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities		
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Deferred Stock	<u>(1)</u>					(2)	(2)	Common Stock	8,829.25		
Deferred Stock	(1)	05/26/2011		A	2,458 (3)	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	2,458	\$	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

X

Signatures

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

05/31/2011

**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 26, 2011, the date of the Annual Meeting of Stockholders. 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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