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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Irick Brad T			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) 13403 NORTI	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/13/2012	Director 10% Owner Solution Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Executive Vice President & CFO		
	(Street)		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		
HOUSTON, TX 77040				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

HOUSTON, TX 7/040

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative Sec	urities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities A corr Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and (A or Amount (D	f (D) 15)	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						30,439	D	
Common Stock	11/13/2012		M	20,000 A	\$ 24.56	50,439	D	
Common Stock	11/13/2012		S	20,000 D	\$ 35.4908	30,439	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	TransactionDerivative Code Securities		ee Expiration Date s (Month/Day/Year) (A) sed of		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	\$ 24.56	11/13/2012		M	20,000	<u>(3)</u>	05/26/2016	Common Stock	50,000	

Reporting Owners

	Relationships
Reporting Owner Name / Address	*

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Irick Brad T

13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY

Executive Vice President & CFO

Signatures

HOUSTON, TX 77040

Alexander M Ludlow as Attorney in Fact for Brad T. Irick

11/14/2012

**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) The price \$35.4908 represents a weighted average of sales prices ranging from \$35.28 to \$36.00. 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 2008 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (3) The options vest equally annually beginning 05/26/2011 @ 10,000 shares per year.

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