

Cook Barry J
Form 4
December 20, 2012

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 *
Cook Barry 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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/20/2012

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

(Street)
HOUSTON, TX 77040

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 (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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock					85,230	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2012		M	20,000 A	\$ 20.86 105,230	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2012		S	20,000 D	\$ 37.464 85,230	D	

(1)

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)	\$ 20.86	12/20/2012		M	20,000	(3) 11/19/2014	Common Stock 100,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Cook Barry J
C/O HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC.
13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY
HOUSTON, TX 77040

Executive Vice President

Signatures

Alexander M Ludlow as Attorney in Fact for Barry J.
Cook

12/20/2012

**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 of \$37.464 represents a weighted average of sales prices ranging between \$37.33 - \$37.53. 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 over a 5 year period beginning 11/19/09 @ 20,000 shares per year.

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