

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/

Form 4

February 25, 2008

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 *
BRAMANTI FRANK 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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/21/2008

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

Chief Executive Officer

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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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 (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/21/2008		M		18,750	A	\$ 16.8
Common Stock							274,075
Common Stock							2,468
Common Stock							1,125
							D
							I
							I
							By Children
							By Trust

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 o Number o Shares
Option to Purchase (1)	\$ 16.8	02/21/2008		M	18,750	01/03/2004	01/03/2009	Common Stock	37,500
Option to Purchase (2)	\$ 21.37					12/20/2005	12/20/2009	Common Stock	18,750
Option to Purchase (1)	\$ 30.85					01/05/2007	01/05/2011	Common Stock	12,500
Option to Purchase (2)	\$ 31.11					(3)	03/02/2012	Common Stock	400,000
Option to Purchase (1)	\$ 31.11					03/02/2011	03/02/2012	Common Stock	50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BRAMANTI FRANK J	X		Chief Executive Officer	

Signatures

Frank J.
Bramanti

02/25/2008

**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 the 2001 Flexible Incentive Plan.

(2) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2004 Flexible Incentive Plan.

(3) The options vest at 100,000 shares annually beginning 03/02/08.

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