

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 MARTIN CHRISTOPHER L

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)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 EVP, Sec. & General Counsel

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC., 13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/28/2005

(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  
 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 (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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | V   | 3,000   | 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)**

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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 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Option to Purchase <u>(1)</u>              | \$ 16.8  |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(3)</u> 01/24/2008                                    | Common Stock  | 22,500                        |
| Option to Purchase <u>(1)</u>              | \$ 13.59   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(3)</u> 07/22/2010                                    | Common Stock  | 52,500                        |
| Option to Purchase <u>(1)</u>              | \$ 16.61   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(4)</u> 01/03/2011                                    | Common Stock  | 52,500                        |
| Option to Purchase <u>(2)</u>              | \$ 27.02   | 09/28/2005                           |  | A                              | 75,000  | <u>(5)</u> 09/28/2011                                    | Common Stock  | 75,000                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| MARTIN CHRISTOPHER L<br>HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC.<br>13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY<br>HOUSTON, TX 77040 |               |           | EVP, Sec. & General Counsel |       |

## Signatures

Christopher L.  
Martin 09/30/2005

\*\*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 2001 Flexible Incentive Plan
- (2) Option to purchase granted pursuant to 2004 Flexible Incentive Plan
- (3) The options vest equally, on the anniversary date, over a 5 year period.
- (4) The options vest equally, on the anniversary date, over a 7 year period.

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(5) The options vest equally, on the anniversary date, over a 4 year period

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