

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/  
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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 \*  
 COLLINS PATRICK B

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)  
 11/11/2005

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

(Street)

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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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	11/11/2005		S		300	D	\$ 32.75
Common Stock	11/11/2005		S		7,200	D	\$ 32.75
Common Stock	11/11/2005		M		15,000	A	\$ 13.67

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
<u>(1)</u> Option to Purchase	\$ 16.17					12/18/1997	12/18/2006	Common Stock	7,500
<u>(2)</u> Option to Purchase	\$ 16.8					01/24/2003	01/24/2008	Common Stock	18,750
<u>(2)</u> Option to Purchase	\$ 16.61					01/03/2004	01/03/2009	Common Stock	37,500
<u>(2)</u> Option to Purchase	\$ 21.33					12/20/2005	12/20/2009	Common Stock	18,750
<u>(1)</u> Option to Purchase	\$ 13.67	11/11/2005		M	15,000	01/16/2002	01/16/2006	Common Stock	15,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COLLINS PATRICK B			X	

## Signatures

Christopher L. Martin as Attorney-in-Fact for Patrick B. Collins

11/14/2005

\*\*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 the 1996 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan.
  - (2) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2001 Flexible Incentive Plan.

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