

Molbeck John Niels Jr  
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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 \*  
 Molbeck John Niels Jr

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)  
 02/17/2009

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

C/O HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC., 13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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HOUSTON, TX 77040

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 02/17/2009                           |  | A                              | (A)<br>or<br>(D)<br>Code V Amount Price<br>A 26,879 \$<br>(1) 23.94 | 82,379  | 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. F. Derivative Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                 |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | (A)  | (D)   | Date Exercisable                             | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option to Purchase<br><u>(2)</u>           | \$ 24.47   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(3)</u>   |   | 04/04/2013                                   |                 | Common Stock | 37,500                     |
| Option to Purchase<br><u>(4)</u>           | \$ 30.85   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |   | 01/05/2007                                   | 01/05/2011      | Common Stock | 12,500                     |
| Option to Purchase<br><u>(4)</u>           | \$ 33.56   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(5)</u>   |   | 03/23/2011                                   |                 | Common Stock | 200,000                    |
| Option to Purchase<br><u>(4)</u>           | \$ 31.92   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(6)</u>   |   | 05/09/2012                                   |                 | Common Stock | 150,000                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                 |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer         | Other |
| Molbeck John Niels Jr<br>C/O HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC.<br>13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY<br>HOUSTON, TX 77040 | X             |           | President & COO |       |

## Signatures

Randy D. Rinicella as Attorney in Fact for John N. Molbeck, Jr. 02/20/2009

\*\*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) Shares acquired pursuant to a grant under the 2008 Flexible Incentive Plan. This grant is subject to restrictions on transfer or sale under the terms of the 2009 Executive Stock Ownership and Retention Policy.
- (2) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2001 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (3) The options vest equally, annually over a 5 year period beginning 04/04/06 @ 7,500 shares per year.

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- (4) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2004 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (5) The options vest as follows: 66,666 on 03/23/07; 66,666 on 03/23/08; and 66,668 on 03/23/09.
- (6) The options vest equally, annually over a 4 year period beginning 12/31/07 @ 37,500 shares per year.

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