

KELBEL CRAIG J
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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 *
 KELBEL CRAIG 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)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/07/2012

(Street)
 HOUSTON, TX 77040

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
Common Stock					41,065	D	
Common Stock	05/07/2012		M	37,485 A	\$ 31.92 78,550	D	
Common Stock	05/07/2012		S	37,485 D	\$ 32.1426 41,065	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)

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)	\$ 31.92	05/07/2012		M	37,485	(3) 05/09/2012	Common Stock 100,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KELBEL CRAIG 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 Craig J. Kelbel
 Signature: _____ Date: 05/09/2012

**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 \$32.1426 represents a weighted average of sales prices ranging from \$32.12 and \$32.22. 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 2004 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (3) The options vest equally annually over a 4 year period beginning 02/28/08 @ 25,000 shares per year.

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