

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 \*  
 ELLIS EDWARD H 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)  
 C/O HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC., 13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY

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

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Executive Vice President & CFO

(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					1,500	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Option to Purchase <u>(1)</u>	\$ 17.71					<u>(4)</u>	10/01/2007	Common Stock	75,000
Option to Purchase <u>(2)</u>	\$ 16.8					<u>(6)</u>	01/24/2008	Common Stock	150,000
Option to Purchase <u>(2)</u>	\$ 13.59					<u>(6)</u>	07/22/2008	Common Stock	37,500
Option to Purchase <u>(2)</u>	\$ 16.61					<u>(6)</u>	01/03/2009	Common Stock	37,500
Option to Purchase <u>(3)</u>	\$ 27.02	09/28/2005		A	100,000	<u>(5)</u>	09/28/2011	Common Stock	100,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ELLIS EDWARD H JR C/O HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC. 13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY HOUSTON, TX 77040	X		Executive Vice President & CFO	

## Signatures

Christopher L. Martin as Attorney-in-Fact for Edward H. Ellis, Jr. 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 1995 Flexible Incentive Plan.

(2) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2001 Flexible Incentive Plan.

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

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- (4) The options vest equally, on the anniversary date, over a 3 year period.
- (5) The options vest equally, on the anniversary date, over a 4 year period.
- (6) The options vest equally, on the anniversary date, over a 5 year period.

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