

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/
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FORM 4

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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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/04/2006

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ 10% Owner
_____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

13403 NORTHWEST
FREEWAY, C/O HCC
INSURANCE HOLDINGS

(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
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/04/2006		M	37,500 A \$ 16.8	37,500	D	
Common Stock	01/04/2006		S	37,500 D \$ 29.9558	0	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 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 23.7					⁽²⁾	12/31/2010	Common Stock	112,500
Option to Purchase ⁽¹⁾	\$ 27.02					⁽³⁾	09/28/2011	Common Stock	100,000
Option to Purchase ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 16.8	01/04/2006		M	37,500	⁽⁵⁾	12/31/2007	Common Stock	150,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KELBEL CRAIG J 13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY C/O HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS HOUSTON, TX 77040			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

Christopher L. Martin as Attorney-in-Fact for Craig J. Kelbel

 **Signature of Reporting Person

01/06/2006

 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 2004 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (2) The options vest equally annually over a 3 year period beginning 12/31/06.
- (3) The options vest equally annually over a five year period beginning 09/28/06.
- (4) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2001 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (5) The options vest equally annually over a 4 year period beginning 01/01/03.

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