

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/

Form 8-K

December 21, 2004

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)  
December 20, 2004

**HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

0-20766  
(Commission File  
Number)

76-0336636  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

13403 Northwest Freeway  
Houston, Texas  
(Address of principal executive  
offices)

77040-6094  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 690-7300

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On December 20, 2004, HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. ( HCC ) completed the sale of 250,000 common shares of Argonaut Group, Inc. ( Argonaut ). The sale had the effect of reducing HCC 's investment in Argonaut shares to an aggregate 3,001,984 shares of common and mandatory convertible preferred stock, which represents less than 10% of Argonaut outstanding shares for insurance regulatory reporting purposes.

The information contained herein shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC.

Date: December 21, 2004

By: /s/ Christopher L. Martin  
Christopher L. Martin,  
Executive Vice President and  
General Counsel