

HCC CAPITAL TRUST I  
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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form S-3  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933  
HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc.

*(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)*

**Delaware**

*(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)*

**76-0336636**

*(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)*

**HCC Capital Trust I**

*(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)*

**Delaware**

*(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)*

**76-6494416**

*(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)*

**HCC Capital Trust II**

*(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)*

**Delaware**

*(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)*

**76-6494417**

*(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)*

**13403 Northwest Freeway  
Houston, Texas 77040  
(713) 690-7300**

*(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of each Registrant's principal executive offices)*

**RANDY D. RINICELLA, ESQ.  
Senior Vice President and General Counsel  
13403 Northwest Freeway  
Houston, Texas 77040  
(713) 744-9648**

*(Name, address including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)*

**Copy to:**

**ARTHUR S. BERNER, ESQ.  
Haynes and Boone, LLP**

**1221 McKinney Street, Suite 2100  
Houston, Texas 77010  
(713) 547-2526**

**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:** From time to time after the Registration Statement becomes effective, as determined by the applicable Registrant.

If the only securities being registered on this form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

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If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box. o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definition of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act:

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company   
 (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

| Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered                                       | Amount to be Registered(1) | Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(1) | Amount of Registration Fee(2)(3) |
|--|----------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Common Stock of HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. (par value \$1.00 per share)                |                            |  |                                  |
| Debt Securities of HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc.  |                            |  |                                  |
| Warrants of HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc.   |                            |  |                                  |
| Trust Preferred Securities of HCC Capital Trust I and HCC Capital Trust II(4)            |                            |  |                                  |
| Guarantees of HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. with respect to Trust Preferred Securities(4) |                            |  |                                  |
| <b>Total</b>   | \$1,000,000,000            | \$1,000,000,000                              | (2)(3)                           |

- (1) An indeterminate number or principal amount of common stock, debt securities, warrants and guarantees of HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc., and trust preferred securities of HCC Capital Trust I and HCC Capital Trust II, as may from time to time be issued at indeterminate prices, with an aggregate offering price not to exceed \$1,000,000,000.
- (2) The registration fee is calculated in accordance with Rule 457(r) under the Securities Act of 1933 in reliance on Rule 456(b). The Registrants previously paid \$90,206 of filing fees, which are being applied to offset the filing fees due for this Registration Statement. The Registrants hereby elect to defer the payment of any additional filing fees pursuant to Rule 456(b) and to pay such additional filing fees on a pay-as-you-go basis. As a result, Rule 457(r) provides that the table does not need to specify the information as to the amount to be registered, the proposed maximum aggregate offering price, or the amount of registration fee for any class of security listed, and that the registration fee shall be subsequently calculated based on the applicable fee payment rates in effect on the date of the payment of the fees.
- (3) This registration statement is filed in accordance with Rule 415(a)(6) under the Securities Act and registers only securities that were previously registered on Form S-3 filed on May 25, 2006, File No. 333-134484, the Prior Registration Statement, and remain unsold. In accordance with Rule 415(a)(6), the Registrants are carrying over \$90,206 in unused filing fees and the offering of the unsold securities registered under the Prior Registration Statement will be deemed terminated as of the date of effectiveness of this Registration Statement.

- (4) No separate consideration will be received for the guarantees of the trust preferred securities. Debt securities may be purchased by each of HCC Capital Trust I and HCC Capital Trust II with the proceeds of the sale of the trust preferred securities, in which case no separate consideration will be received for the debt securities. Such debt securities may later be distributed to the holders of trust preferred securities.
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**HCC Capital Trust II**

**Trust Preferred Securities  
Fully and Unconditionally Guaranteed  
by HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc.**

We or either of the Trusts may offer from time to time up to \$1,000,000,000 of any combination of the securities described in this prospectus. Neither we, nor the Trusts, will offer or sell any securities under this prospectus unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement or a prospectus contained in a post-effective amendment to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

We may offer and sell, from time to time:

shares of our common stock;

debt securities;

warrants to purchase our debt securities or our common stock; and

guarantees of trust preferred securities sold by a Trust.

Each Trust may offer and sell, from time to time, trust preferred securities representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the respective Trust.

We will provide the specific terms of these securities in one or more supplements to this prospectus, a prospectus contained in a post-effective amendment, or documents we incorporate herein by reference. You should read this prospectus, any prospectus supplement, any prospectus contained in a post-effective amendment and the documents incorporated herein by reference carefully before you invest in these securities.

We may sell the securities directly, or through agents designated from time to time, or to or through underwriters or dealers. If any underwriters are involved in the sale of any securities, their names and any applicable commissions or discounts will be set forth in a prospectus supplement, in a prospectus contained in a post-effective amendment or in the documents we incorporate herein by reference.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the Symbol HCC. The last reported sale price on March 20, 2009 was \$24.21 per share.

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**Investing in our common stock involves risks. You should consider the Risk Factors described in any accompanying prospectus supplement, any prospectus contained in a post-effective amendment and in the documents we incorporate by reference in this prospectus.**

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy of this prospectus or whether it is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

The date of this prospectus is March 23, 2009.

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**ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

*As used in this prospectus, unless otherwise required by the context, the terms we, us, our and the Company refer to HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries, and the term HCC refers only to HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. References to a Trust refer to either HCC Capital Trust I or HCC Capital Trust II, which are the Delaware statutory business trusts that we have formed to issue the trust preferred securities that may be issued under this prospectus.*

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission using an automatic shelf registration process for well-known seasoned issuers. Under the automatic shelf registration process, we may offer and sell from time to time any combination of shares of our common stock, debt securities, warrants to purchase our debt securities or our common stock, and guarantees of trust preferred securities sold by a Trust. In addition, a Trust may offer and sell, from time to time, trust preferred securities representing undivided beneficial interests in assets of the respective Trust. Our securities and those of the Trusts may be offered in one or more offerings with a total offering price of up to \$1,000,000,000. Each time we use this prospectus to offer securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement or a prospectus contained in a post-effective amendment to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part that will contain or will indicate where specific information about the terms of that offering may be obtained. The prospectus supplement, the prospectus contained in a post-effective amendment or the documents we incorporate herein by reference may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. Please carefully read this prospectus, any prospectus supplement, any prospectus contained in a post-effective amendment and the documents incorporated by reference in the prospectus together with the additional information described under **Where You Can Find More Information** before you make an investment decision.

You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus, the applicable prospectus supplement and the applicable prospectus contained in a post-effective amendment. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not making an offer to sell the securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. Neither the delivery of this prospectus, any prospectus supplement or any prospectus contained in a post-effective amendment, nor any offer or sale under any such prospectus shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in our business, risks related to our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects, that the information contained in any such prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date of such prospectus, or that any information incorporated by reference in any such prospectus is accurate at any time subsequent to its date.

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**RISK FACTORS**

Investing in our securities involves risk. Please see the risk factors described in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus. Before making an investment decision, you should carefully consider these risks as well as other information we include or incorporate by reference in this prospectus. The risks and uncertainties we have described are not the only ones we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also affect our business operations. Additional risk factors may be included in a prospectus supplement relating to a particular series or offering of securities. These risks could materially affect our business, results of operations or financial condition and cause the value of our securities to decline.

**ABOUT FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This prospectus contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which are intended to be covered by the safe harbors created by those laws. We have based these forward-looking statements on our current expectations and projections about future events. These forward-looking statements include information about possible or assumed future results of our operations. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus that address activities, events or developments that we expect or anticipate may occur in the future, including such things as growth of our business and operations, business strategy, competitive strengths, goals, plans, future capital expenditures and references to future successes may be considered forward-looking statements. Also, when we use words such as anticipate, believe, estimate, expect, intend, plan, probably or similar expressions in making forward-looking statements.

Many risks and uncertainties may impact the matters addressed in these forward-looking statements, which could affect our future financial results and performance, including, among other things:

- the effects of catastrophic losses;
- the cyclical nature of the insurance business;
- inherent uncertainties in the loss estimation process, which can adversely impact the adequacy of loss reserves;
- the effects of emerging claim and coverage issues;
- the effects of extensive governmental regulation of the insurance industry;
- potential credit risk with brokers;
- our assessment of underwriting risk;
- our retention of risk, which could expose us to potential losses;
- the adequacy of reinsurance protection;
- the ability or willingness of reinsurers to pay balances due us;
- the occurrence of terrorist activities;

our ability to maintain our competitive position;

changes in our assigned financial strength ratings;

our ability to raise capital and funds for liquidity in the future;

attraction and retention of qualified employees;

fluctuations in securities markets, which may reduce the value of our investment assets, reduce investment income or generate realized investment losses;

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our ability to successfully expand our business through the acquisition of insurance-related companies;  
impairment of goodwill;  
the ability of our insurance company subsidiaries to pay dividends in needed amounts;  
fluctuations in foreign exchange rates;  
failures of our information technology systems;  
potential changes to the country's health care delivery system; and  
change of control.

**You should consider these risks and those we set out or incorporate into the **Risk Factors** section of this prospectus before you purchase our securities.**

These events or factors could cause our results or performance to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, our forward-looking statements. Although we believe that the assumptions underlying our forward-looking statements are reasonable, any of these assumptions, and, therefore, also the forward-looking statements based on these assumptions, could themselves prove to be inaccurate. In light of the significant uncertainties inherent in the forward-looking statements that are included in this prospectus, our inclusion of this information is not a representation by us or any other person that our objectives and plans will be achieved.

Our forward-looking statements speak only at the date made, and we will not update these forward-looking statements unless the securities laws require us to do so. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, any forward-looking events discussed in this prospectus may not occur.

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**THE COMPANY**

We are a Delaware corporation, which was formed in 1991. Our predecessor corporation was formed in 1974.

We provide specialized property and casualty, surety, and group life, accident and health insurance coverages and related agency and reinsurance brokerage services to commercial customers and individuals. We concentrate our activities in selected, narrowly defined, specialty lines of business. We operate primarily in the United States, the United Kingdom, Spain, Bermuda and Ireland. Some of our operations have a broader international scope. We underwrite insurance both on a direct basis, where we insure a risk in exchange for a premium, and on a reinsurance (assumed) basis, where we insure all or a portion of another, or ceding, insurance company's risk in exchange for all or a portion of the premium for the risk. We market our products both directly to customers and through a network of independent and affiliated ceding insurance company's brokers, producers, agents and third-party administrators.

Our principal executive offices are located at 13403 Northwest Freeway, Houston, Texas 77040 and our telephone number is (713) 690-7300. We maintain a website at *www.hcc.com*. The reference to our website address does not constitute incorporation by reference of the information contained at the website in this prospectus.

**THE TRUSTS**

Each Trust is a statutory business trust that we have formed under Delaware law. For each Trust there is a trust agreement among HCC, as depositor, U.S. Bank National Association, as property trustee, and U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Delaware trustee. For each Trust there is also a certificate of trust filed with the Delaware Secretary of State. When we are ready to issue and sell securities through the Trust, the trust agreement will be amended to read substantially like the form of amended and restated trust agreement that is filed with the SEC as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. Each trust agreement has been qualified as an indenture under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939.

The Trusts have no separate financial statements. Separate financial statements would not be material to holders of the trust preferred securities because the Trusts have no independent operations.

The principal executive office of each Trust is 13403 Northwest Freeway, Houston, Texas 77040, and its telephone number is (713) 690-7300.

**USE OF PROCEEDS**

Except as otherwise described in the applicable prospectus supplement or prospectus contained in a post-effective amendment, or in documents that we incorporate herein by reference, we intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of our securities (either to the Trusts or directly to the public) for general corporate purposes, including, but not limited to, the following purposes:

- make acquisitions;
- contribute capital to insurance company subsidiaries;
- make capital expenditures;
- provide working capital;

purchase equity or fixed income investments;

repay or refinance debt or other corporate obligations; or

repurchase and redeem securities.

Pending any specific application, we may initially invest funds in short-term marketable securities or apply them to the reduction of short-term indebtedness.

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Each Trust will use all of the proceeds it receives from the sale of its trust preferred securities to purchase from us debt securities that will provide the funds for that Trust's payments to purchasers of its trust preferred securities.

**RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES**

The ratio of our earnings to fixed charges for the periods indicated are as follows:

|                                    | <b>2008</b> | <b>2007</b> | <b>2006</b> | <b>2005</b> | <b>2004</b> |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Ratio of earnings to fixed charges | 23.20       | 41.77       | 34.24       | 25.65       | 21.58       |

For these ratios, fixed charges consist of interest expense, including amounts capitalized and amortization of capitalized expenses related to indebtedness, and 33% of rent expense, which represents a reasonable approximation of the interest factor of rent expense. Earnings consist of earnings from continuing operations before income tax expense plus fixed charges.

**DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES**

We may offer and sell, from time to time:

- shares of our common stock;
- debt securities;
- warrants to purchase our debt securities or our common stock; and
- guarantees of trust preferred securities sold by a Trust.

A Trust may offer and sell, from time to time, trust preferred securities representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the respective Trust. HCC will guarantee the trust preferred securities.

We will provide the specific terms of these securities in one or more supplements to this prospectus or prospectuses contained in a post-effective amendment, or the documents that we incorporate herein by reference.

**CERTAIN LEGAL MATTERS**

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplements or prospectus contained in a post-effective amendment or the documents we incorporate herein by reference, the validity of the securities offered by this prospectus will be passed upon (a) for us by Haynes and Boone, LLP, our legal counsel, and (b) for the Trusts (with respect to the validity of the trust preferred securities under Delaware law) by Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A., Wilmington, Delaware, special Delaware counsel to us and the Trusts.

**EXPERTS**

The financial statements, financial statement schedules and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) incorporated in this prospectus by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2008 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of



PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

**WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. The SEC maintains an internet site <http://www.sec.gov> that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers (including us) that file documents with the SEC electronically. Our SEC filings

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may be obtained from that website. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference facilities. You may also read and copy any document we file with the SEC at the following SEC public reference facility:

Public Reference Room  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

You may also obtain copies of the documents at prescribed rates by writing to the Public Reference Room of the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549, by e-mailing the Public Reference Room of the SEC at [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov), or by facsimile at (202) 777-1027.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with them, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus, and later information that we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 until we terminate the offering:

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008; and

Our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 23, 2009 and February 25, 2009 (in all cases, to the extent these items were filed with the SEC and not furnished).

Any person, including any beneficial owner, may request a copy of these filings, at no cost, by writing or telephoning us at the following address and telephone number:

Investor Relations  
HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc.  
13403 Northwest Freeway  
Houston, TX 77040  
713-690-7300

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**PROSPECTUS**

**March 23, 2009**

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|                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| SEC Registration Fee            |             |
| Printing                        | \$ 100,000* |
| Accounting Fees and Expenses    | \$ 50,000*  |
| Legal Fees and Expenses         | \$ 75,000*  |
| Transfer Agent Fees             | \$ 5,000*   |
| Transfer Fees and Expenses      | \$ 30,000*  |
| Rating Agency Fees and Expenses | \$ 100,000* |
| Blue Sky Fees and Expenses      | \$ 10,000*  |
| Miscellaneous                   | \$ 20,000*  |
| Total                           | \$ 390,000* |

\* Estimated

Deferred in accordance with Rule 457(r) and Rule 456(b) of the Securities Act of 1933

**ITEM 15. *Indemnification of Directors and Officers.***

HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. (the Company) is incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware. Subsection (b)(7) of Section 102 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the DGCL) enables a corporation in its original certificate of incorporation or an amendment thereto to eliminate or limit the personal liability of a director to the corporation or its shareholders for monetary damages for breach of the director's fiduciary duty, except (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its shareholders, (ii) for any acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) pursuant to Section 174 of the DGCL (providing for liability of directors for unlawful payment of dividends or unlawful stock purchases or redemptions) or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

Article X of the Company's restated certificate of incorporation, as amended, limits directors' personal liability to the extent permitted under Section 174.

Section 145 of the DGCL (Section 145) provides that a Delaware corporation may indemnify any persons who are, or are threatened to be made, parties to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of such corporation), by reason of the fact that such person is or was an officer, director, employee or agent of such corporation, or is or was serving at the request of such corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise. The indemnity may include expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgment, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, provided such person acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the corporation's best interests and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

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Where an officer or director is successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any action referred to above, the corporation must indemnify him against the expenses which such officer or director has actually and reasonably incurred.

Article IX of the Company's certificate of incorporation, as amended, requires the Company to indemnify the Company's directors and officers to the extent permitted under Section 145.

Article VII of the Company's amended and restated bylaws provides that the Company shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative (other than an action by or

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in the right of the Company), by reason of the fact that he is or was a director or officer of the Company, or is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit, or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit, or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of *nolo contendere* or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company, and with respect to any criminal action or proceedings, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

The Company shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened pending, or completed action or suit by or in the right of the Company to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he is or was a director or officer of the Company, or is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company and except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue, or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the Company unless and only to the extent that the Court or Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

The determination of whether an incumbent or former director or officer is entitled to indemnification because it has met the applicable standards of conduct set forth above is to be made, unless ordered by a court: (i) by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who at the time of the vote are not parties to the proceeding; (ii) if such quorum cannot be obtained, even if obtainable, a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion; or (iii) by a vote of shareholders of the Company. The amended and restated bylaws further provide that the expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by a director or officer in defending any civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative action, suit, or proceeding shall be paid or reimbursed by the Company in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit, or proceeding upon receipt of a written undertaking by or on behalf of the director or officer to repay the amount paid or reimbursed if it is ultimately determined that he is not entitled to be indemnified by the Company as authorized in the amended and restated bylaws.

The Company's amended and restated bylaws also provide that the Company may indemnify to the extent of the provisions set forth therein, any person, other than an officer or director, who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, by reason of the fact that he is or was an employee or agent of the Company, or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, if such person makes written application for such indemnification to the Board of Directors and the Board of Directors so determines that indemnification is appropriate and the extent thereof.

The Company's amended and restated bylaws further provide that the indemnification described therein is not exclusive, and shall not exclude any other rights to which those seeking to be indemnified may be entitled under statute, any bylaw, agreement, vote of shareholders or disinterested directors, or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and to his action in another capacity while holding such office.

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The Amended and Restated Trust Agreement for each of the Trusts will provide for the indemnification by the Company to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law of a Trustee, an Administrator, a Paying Agent, any affiliate of any of such parties, any officer, director, shareholder, member, partner, employee, representative or agent of a Trustee, or an employee or agent of the Trusts or their affiliates. The Company

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will also be obligated to advance expenses, including legal expenses, from time to time upon the indemnified party's written affirmation that such party believes in good faith to have met the standard of conduct set forth in the Trust Agreement and an undertaking to repay any amounts advanced if such party is not entitled to indemnification.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, the registrant has been informed that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is therefore unenforceable.

**ITEM 16. *Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.***

Items denoted by a letter are incorporated by reference to other documents previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as set forth at the end of this table. Items not denoted by a letter but denoted with an \* are being filed herewith.

| <b>Exhibit<br/>Number</b> | <b>Exhibit</b>  |
|---------------------------|---|
| 1.1(a)                    | Form of Underwriting Agreement (Common Stock of HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc.).  |
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**ITEM 17. *Undertakings***

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
  - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
  - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental

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change in the information in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

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*Provided, however* , That:

Paragraphs (1)(i), (1)(ii) and (1)(iii) of this section do not apply if the registration statement is on Form S-3 (§ 239.13 of this chapter) and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) (§ 230.424(b) of this chapter) that is part of the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:

(i) If the registrant is relying on Rule 430B (§ 230.430B of this chapter):

(A) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) (§ 230.424(b)(3) of this chapter) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and

(B) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) (§ 230.424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) of this chapter) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) (§ 230.415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) of this chapter) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof. *Provided, however* , that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities:

The undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

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(i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424 (§ 230.424 of this chapter);

(ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;

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(iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and

(iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

(6) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(7) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to file an application for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the trustee to act under subsection (a) of Section 310 of the Trust Indenture Act ( Act ) in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Commission under Section 305(b)(2) of the Act.

(8) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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**SIGNATURES**

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HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC.

/s/ Frank J. Bramanti  
 Frank J. Bramanti,  
*Chief Executive Officer*

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| <b>Signature</b>  | <b>Title</b>   |
|---|--|
| <p>/s/ FRANK J. BRAMANTI</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Frank J. Bramanti</p>       | <p>Chief Executive Officer and Director<br/>                     (Principal Executive Officer)</p>                           |
| <p>/s/ PATRICK B. COLLINS*</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Patrick B. Collins</p>    | <p>Director</p>  |
| <p>/s/ J. ROBERT DICKERSON*</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">J. Robert Dickerson</p>  | <p>Director</p>  |
| <p>/s/ WALTER M. DUER*</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Walter M. Duer</p>            | <p>Director</p>  |
| <p>/s/ EDWARD H. ELLIS, JR.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Edward H. Ellis, Jr.</p> | <p>Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer<br/>                     and Director (Principal Financial Officer)</p> |
| <p>/s/ JAMES C. FLAGG*</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">James C. Flagg</p>            | <p>Director</p>  |
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/s/ JOHN N. MOLBECK, JR.\*

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John N. Molbeck, Jr.

/s/ JAMES E. OESTERREICHER\*

Director

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/s/ PAMELA J. PENNY

Executive Vice President and Chief Accounting  
Officer

Pamela J. Penny

(Principal Accounting Officer)

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| <b>Signature</b>                         | <b>Title</b>                    |
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| /s/ MICHAEL A.F. ROBERTS*                | Director                        |
| Michael A.F. Roberts                     |                                 |
| /s/ ROBERT A. ROSHOLT*                   | Director                        |
| Robert A. Rosholt                        |                                 |
| /s/ CHRISTOPHER J.B. WILLIAMS*           | Chairman of the Board, Director |
| Christopher J.B. Williams                |                                 |
| /s/ SCOTT W. WISE*                       | Director                        |
| Scott W. Wise                            |                                 |
| *By: /s/ PAMELA J. PENNY                 |                                 |
| Pamela J. Penny, <i>Attorney-in-fact</i> |                                 |

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