KELBEL CRAIG J

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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See Instruction 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and KELBEL (2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/ [HCC]				s	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
(Last) C/O HCC I HOLDING NORTHW	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/07/2012					Director 10% Owner Specify Delow) Street Security Delow					
HOUSTON	(Street) N, TX 77040		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				- -	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ 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								y Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	on Date 2A. Deemed			Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)				nt of 6. 7. Nature of School Ownership Indirect Beneficial Direct (D) Ownership or Indirect (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock				Co uc v	rimount	(2)	71100	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		

(1)

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)	e 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code	5. Number of tiorDerivative 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	\$ 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

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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