KELBEL CRAIG J

Form 4

August 09, 2010

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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7. Nature of Indirect

Beneficial

Ownership (Instr. 4)

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * KELBEL CRAIG J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS

INC/DE/ [HCC]

(Check all applicable)

Executive Vice President

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/05/2010

Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below)

C/O HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC., 13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

HOUSTON, TX 77040

(State)

(Zip)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(City)

1.Title of

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of

Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	or Dispos	ed of (Securities	Ownership	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially	Form:
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Direct (D)
							Following	or Indirect
					(A)		Reported	(I)
					or		Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	
Common Stock			Couc v	7 tinount	(D)	Titee	41,065	D
Stock								
Common Stock	08/05/2010		M	25,000	A	\$ 23.83	66,065	D
						\$		
Common Stock	08/05/2010		S	25,000	D	26.2792 (1)	41,065	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)	Derivative Exp		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 (2)	\$ 23.83	08/05/2010		M	25	5,000	(3)	12/31/2010	Common Stock	112,500
Option to Purchase (2)	\$ 28.53						<u>(4)</u>	09/28/2011	Common Stock	100,000
Option to Purchase	\$ 31.92						<u>(5)</u>	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

Randy D. Rinicella as Attorney in Fact for Craig J. Kelbel

08/06/2010

**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 \$26.2792 represents a weighted average of sales prices ranging from \$26.25 to \$26.38. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each seperate price will be provided to the SEC, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer upon request.

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- (2) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2004 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (3) The options vest equally annually over a 3 year period beginning 12/31/06 @ 37,500 shares per year.
- (4) The options vest equally annually over a 5 year period beginning 09/28/06 @ 20,000 shares per year.
- (5) The options vest equally annually over a 4 year period beginning 02/28/08 @ 25,000 shares per year.

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