

KELBEL CRAIG J
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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)
 C/O HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC., 13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/15/2010

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

(Street)
 HOUSTON, TX 77040

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock					41,065	D	
Common Stock	09/15/2010		M		40,000	A	\$ 23.83
Common Stock	09/15/2010		S		40,000	D	\$ 26.3162
							(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)	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 <u>(2)</u>	\$ 23.83	09/15/2010		M	40,000	<u>(3)</u>	12/31/2010	Common Stock	112,500
Option to Purchase <u>(2)</u>	\$ 28.53					<u>(4)</u>	09/28/2011	Common Stock	100,000
Option to Purchase <u>(2)</u>	\$ 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

09/16/2010

__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 \$26.3162 represents a weighted average of sales prices ranging from \$26.30 to \$26.39. 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.

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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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