

SCHELL MICHAEL J
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FORM 4

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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 *
SCHELL MICHAEL 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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/17/2011

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ 10% Owner
_____ Other (specify below)
EVP and Chf Prop & Cas Officer

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

HOUSTON, TX 77040

(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 or Price		
Common Stock					84,474	D	
Common Stock	05/17/2011		M		69,601	A	\$ 28.53 154,075
Common Stock	05/17/2011		S		69,601	D	\$ 32.528 84,474
Common Stock	05/18/2011		M		30,399	A	\$ 28.53 114,873

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Common Stock 05/18/2011 S 22,667 D \$ 32.55 (2) 92,206 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)	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 (3)	\$ 28.53	05/17/2011		M	69,601	(4) 09/28/2011	Common Stock 100,000
Option to Purchase (3) (5)	\$ 28.53	05/18/2011		M	30,399	(4) 09/28/2011	Common Stock 30,399
Option to Purchase (3)	\$ 31.92					(6) 05/09/2012	Common Stock 100,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SCHELL MICHAEL J C/O HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC. 13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY HOUSTON, TX 77040			EVP and Chf Prop & Cas Officer	

Signatures

Randy D. Rinicella as Attorney in Fact for Michael J. Schell 05/19/2011

__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 of \$32.528 represents a weighted average of sales prices ranging from \$32.44 to 32.67. 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) The price of \$32.55 represents a weighted average of sales prices ranging from \$32.50 to 32.64. 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.
- (3) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2004 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (4) The options vest equally annually over a 4 year period beginning 09/28/2006 @ 25,000 shares per year.
- (5) This is the same option grant as the above. It is listed again to reflect the two different dates of exercise.
- (6) The options vest equally annually over a 4 year period beginning 06/30/2008 @ 25,000 shares per year.

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