

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ELLIS EDWARD H JR

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)
04/10/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President & CFO

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Amount Price			
Common Stock					1,500	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)

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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
<u>(1)</u> Option to Purchase	\$ 17.71					<u>(2)</u>	10/01/2007	Common Stock	75,000
<u>(3)</u> Option to Purchase	\$ 16.8					<u>(4)</u>	01/24/2008	Common Stock	150,000
<u>(3)</u> Option to Purchase	\$ 13.59					<u>(5)</u>	07/22/2008	Common Stock	37,500
<u>(3)</u> Option to Purchase	\$ 16.61					<u>(6)</u>	01/03/2009	Common Stock	37,500
<u>(7)</u> Option to Purchase	\$ 27.02					<u>(8)</u>	09/28/2011	Common Stock	100,000
<u>(7)</u> Option to Purchase	\$ 33.18	04/10/2006		A	50,000	<u>(9)</u>	04/10/2011	Common Stock	50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ELLIS EDWARD H JR		X	Executive Vice President & CFO	

Signatures

Christopher L. Martin as Attorney-in-Fact for Edward H. Ellis, Jr. 04/10/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 1995 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (2) The options vest equally over a 3 year period beginning 10/01/98.
- (3) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2001 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (4) The options vest equally over a 5 year period beginning 01/24/2003
- (5) The options vest equally over a 5 year period beginning 07/22/2003.
- (6) The options vest equally over a 5 year period beginning 01/03/2004.
- (7) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2004 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (8) The options vest equally over a 4 year period beginning 09/28/2006.
- (9) The options vest equally over a 3 year period beginning 04/10/2007.

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