

BRAMANTI FRANK J
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
BRAMANTI FRANK 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)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chief Executive Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC., 13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/17/2009

(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
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Common Stock | 02/17/2009 | | A | (A) Code V Amount (D) Price 20,676 (1) A \$ 23.94 | 324,241 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,468 | I | By Children |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,125 | I | By Trust |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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- * 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) Shares acquired pursuant to a grant under the 2008 Flexible Incentive Plan. This grant is subject to restrictions on transfer or sale under the terms of the 2009 Executive Stock Ownership and Retention Policy.
- (2) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2004 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (3) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2001 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (4) The options vest at 100,000 shares annually beginning 03/02/08.

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