

BRAMANTI FRANK J  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**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)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/26/2011

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

(Street)  
 HOUSTON, TX 77040

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A)   | 347,030   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/26/2011                           |  | A                              | 2,458<br>(1)  | \$ 0 349,488  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,234   | I  | By Children                       |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,125   | I  | By Trust                          |

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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) | 8. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr |                 |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | (A)  | (D)   | Date Exercisable         | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option to Purchase<br>(2)                  | \$ 31.11   |                                      |  |                                |   | (3)  |   | 03/02/2012               |                 | Common Stock | 200,000                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BRAMANTI FRANK J<br>C/O HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC.<br>13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY<br>HOUSTON, TX 77040 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

Randy D. Rinicella as Attorney in Fact for Frank J. Bramanti  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 05/31/2011

## 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) As part of the annual director compensation package, each non-employee director received a grant of a whole number of shares of HCC common stock determined by dividing \$80,000 by the closing price on May 26, 2011, the date of the Annual Meeting of Stockholders.
- (2) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2004 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (3) The options vested at 100,000 shares on 03/02/2008 and 100,000 shares on 03/02/2009.

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