

Molbeck John Niels Jr
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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 *
 Molbeck John Niels 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)
 02/23/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chief Executive 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)
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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 | (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | | | | | 265,674 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2012 | | M | | 37,500 | A | \$ 24.47 |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2012 | | S | | 32,047 | D | \$ 30.3903 |
| | | | | | | | (1) |

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

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(5) The options vested equally annually over a 4 year period beginning December 31, 2007 at 37,500 shares per year.

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