

Penny Pamela J
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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 *
Penny Pamela 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)
EVP & Chief Accounting Officer

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/11/2011

(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	05/11/2011		M	35,000	A \$ 27.56	48,516	D
Common Stock	05/11/2011		S	35,000	D \$ 32.27	13,516	D

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

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- (4) The options vest equally annually beginning 07/22/06 @ 7,000 shares per year.
- (5) The options vest equally annually beginning 03/02/08 @ 10,000 shares per year.
- (6) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2008 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (7) The options vest equally annually beginning 11/19/09 @ 20,000 shares per year.

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