

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/  
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 \*  
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)  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
(Street)  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/17/2008

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

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

**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				(A) or (D)			
Common Stock				Code V Amount (D) Price	375	I	By Wife
Common Stock					18,000	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2008		M	60,000 A \$ 18.33	78,000	D	

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

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Signature of  
Reporting Person

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- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2001 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (2) The options vest equally annually over a 5 year period beginning 1/24/03 at 30,000 shares per year.
- (3) The options vest equally annually over a 5 year period beginning 07/22/03 at 7,500 shares per year.
- (4) The options vest equally annually over a 5 year period beginning 01/03/04 at 7,500 shares per year.
- (5) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2004 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (6) The options vest equally annually over a 4 year period beginning 09/28/06 at 25,000 shares per year.
- (7) The options vest annually over a 3 year period at 16,667, 16,666 and 16,667 each year respectively beginning 04/10/07.
- (8) The options vest annually over a 3 year period at 16,667, 16,666 and 16,667 each year respectively beginning 12/31/07.

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