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FORM 4

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1(b). (Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Duer Walter M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/ [HCC]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director 10% Owner __ Other (specify Officer (give title

(Month/Day/Year)

05/03/2012

C/O HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC., 13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Middle)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

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)	eution Date, if Transactior Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			(D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
G			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock							16,827	D		
Common Stock	05/03/2012		M	10,000	A	\$ 19.47	26,827	D		
Common Stock	05/03/2012		S	10,000	D	\$ 32.3327 (1)	16,827	D		
Common Stock							2,006.483	I	By Family	

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of ctionDerivative Securities 3) 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)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase (2)	\$ 19.47	05/03/2012		M		10,000	<u>(3)</u>	08/26/2012	Common Stock	37,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Duer Walter M C/O HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC. 13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY HOUSTON, TX 77040



Signatures

Alexander M Ludlow as Attorney in Fact for Walter M.

Duer

05/04/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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) The price \$32.3327 represents a weighted average of sales prices ranging from \$32.15 to \$32.39. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price will be provided to the SEC, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer upon request.
- (2) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2001 Flexible Incentive Plan.

(3)

Reporting Owners 2

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The options vest over a 60 month period; the aggregate number of shares purchasable are as follows: 7,500 on 08/26/2005; 15,000 on 08/26/2006; 22,500 on 08/26/2007; 30,000 on 08/26/2008; 37,500 on 08/26/2009.

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