

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/  
Form 8-K  
November 30, 2011

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT**  
**TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): **November 30, 2011**

**HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**001-13790**  
(Commission File Number)

**76-0336636**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**13403 Northwest Freeway**

**Houston, Texas 77040**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

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(713) 690-7300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

On November 23, 2011 (the Effective Date ), HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. ( HCC ) entered into an amendment and restatement agreement (the Amendment ) in order to amend and restate (the Amended Facility ) its \$90,000,000 Standby Letter of Credit Facility Agreement, dated as of November 26, 2010 (the Original Facility ), among HCC and The Royal Bank of Scotland PLC and Barclays Bank PLC (together, the Banks ).

The Amended Facility may only be used for the purpose of enabling Funds at Lloyd s (as defined in the Amended Facility) to be provided for HCC s 2012 and prior years of account at Lloyd s of London ( Lloyd s ). The Facility permits HCC to obtain letters of credit in an aggregate stated amount not to exceed \$90,000,000. The beneficiary of any letters of credit issued under the Amended Facility will be Lloyd s. The final maturity date for letters of credit to be issued under the Amended Facility is no later than December 31, 2015. A letter of credit under the Amended Facility equal to \$90,000,000 was issued to Lloyd s on November 28, 2010.

HCC paid an arrangement fee in the amount of 0.55% of each Bank s commitment under the Amended Facility and will pay a commitment commission in the amount of 0.15% per annum of the unused portion of any Lender s Commitment (as defined in the Amended Facility) for the Availability Period (as defined in the Amended Facility). HCC will pay a letter of credit fee in the amount of 1.05% per annum on letters of credit issued under the Amended Facility. The Amended Facility contains representations and warranties and covenants customary for standby letter of credit facilities of this nature and, where applicable, restrictive covenants generally defer to the covenants contained in the Loan Agreement, dated as of March 8, 2011, among HCC, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, Bank of America, N.A., Barclays Bank PLC, JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., The Royal Bank of Scotland PLC, and the other lenders party thereto (as amended from time to time, the US Facility ).

If a Ratings Downgrade (as defined in the Amended Facility) or an Event of Default (as defined in the Amended Facility) occurs, then, to the extent permitted in the Amended Facility, the Banks may require that each letter of credit issued under the Amended Facility is returned or that the liabilities of the Banks under each letter of credit issued under the Amended Facility are reduced to zero, may require HCC to deposit cash collateral equal to the Banks letter of credit exposure under the Amended Facility, may declare any unutilized portion of the Amended Facility cancelled and may exercise their other rights, remedies, powers or discretions under the Amended Facility.

Both Banks have in the past performed, and may in the future from time to time perform, investment banking, financial advisory, lending and/or commercial banking services or other services to HCC and its subsidiaries for which they have received, and may in the future receive, customary compensation and expense reimbursement.

The foregoing does not constitute a complete summary of the terms of the Amendment or the Amended Facility. The description of the terms of the Amendment and the Amended Facility is qualified in its entirety by reference to such agreement. A copy of the Amendment and the Amended Facility is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K (this Current Report ) as Exhibit 10.1 and 10.2, respectively, and is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference thereto.

**Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant**

The information included in Item 1.01 of this Current Report is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

| <b>No.</b> | <b>Exhibit</b>  |
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| 10.1       | Amendment and Restatement Agreement, dated November 23, 2011, among HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc., The Royal Bank of Scotland PLC, and Barclay Bank PLC.                     |
| 10.2       | Restated \$90,000,000 Standby Letter of Credit Facility, dated November 23, 2011, among HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc., The Royal Bank of Scotland PLC, and Barclay Bank PLC. |

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc.

By: /s/ Alexander Ludlow  
Alexander Ludlow  
Associate General Counsel & Assistant Secretary

DATED: November 30, 2011