

SCHELL MICHAEL J  
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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SCHELL MICHAEL 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 and Chf Prop & Cas Officer

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/17/2011

(Street)  
HOUSTON, TX 77040

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

(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 or Price		
Common Stock					84,474	D	
Common Stock	05/17/2011		M		69,601 A \$ 28.53	154,075	D
Common Stock	05/17/2011		S		69,601 D \$ 32.528	84,474	D
Common Stock	05/18/2011		M		30,399 A \$ 28.53	114,873	D

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Common Stock 05/18/2011 S 22,667 D \$ 32.55 (2) 92,206 D

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities 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 (3)	\$ 28.53	05/17/2011		M	69,601	(4) 09/28/2011	Common Stock	100,000	
Option to Purchase (3) (5)	\$ 28.53	05/18/2011		M	30,399	(4) 09/28/2011	Common Stock	30,399	
Option to Purchase (3)	\$ 31.92					(6) 05/09/2012	Common Stock	100,000	

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SCHELL MICHAEL J  
C/O HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC.  
13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY  
HOUSTON, TX 77040

EVP and Chf Prop & Cas Officer

## Signatures

Randy D. Rinicella as Attorney in Fact for Michael J. Schell

05/19/2011

\_\_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 of \$32.528 represents a weighted average of sales prices ranging from \$32.44 to 32.67. 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) The price of \$32.55 represents a weighted average of sales prices ranging from \$32.50 to 32.64. 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.
- (3) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2004 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (4) The options vest equally annually over a 4 year period beginning 09/28/2006 @ 25,000 shares per year.
- (5) This is the same option grant as the above. It is listed again to reflect the two different dates of exercise.
- (6) The options vest equally annually over a 4 year period beginning 06/30/2008 @ 25,000 shares per year.

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