

HAMILTON THOMAS M  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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|--|---|--|---|---|---|
| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â HAMILTON THOMAS M</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC., Â 13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>HOUSTON, Â TX Â 77040</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>11/20/2008</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/ [HCC]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br/><input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br/>(give title below) (specify below)</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br/><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

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|--|--|---|--|
| <p>1. Title of Security<br/>(Instr. 4)</p> | <p>2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br/>(Instr. 4)</p> | <p>3. Ownership Form:<br/>Direct (D)<br/>or Indirect (I)<br/>(Instr. 5)</p> | <p>4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br/>(Instr. 5)</p> |
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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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

|   |  |  |   |   |  |
|---|--|--|---|---|--|
| <p>1. Title of Derivative Security<br/>(Instr. 4)</p> | <p>2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br/>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>Date Exercisable      Expiration Date</p> | <p>3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br/>(Instr. 4)</p> <p>Title      Amount or Number of</p> | <p>4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</p> | <p>5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:<br/>Direct (D)</p> | <p>6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br/>(Instr. 5)</p> |
|---|--|--|---|---|--|

Shares or Indirect  
(I)  
(Instr. 5)

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HAMILTON THOMAS M<br>C/O HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC.<br>13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY<br>HOUSTON, TX 77040 | X             | A         | A       | A     |

## Signatures

Randy D. Rinicella as Attorney in Fact for Thomas M.  
Hamilton 11/21/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

### No securities are beneficially owned

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

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### Remarks:

No HCC securities are beneficially owned.

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