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See Instruction

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ELLIS EDWARD H JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS

(Check all applicable)

INC/DE/ [HCC]

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

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

Executive Vice President & CFO

(Month/Day/Year) 09/28/2005

below)

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

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(Instr. 4)

Reported

1,500

(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common Stock

Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number or Derivative Securities Acquired (Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, 5)	A) or of (D)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day,	Pate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Option to Purchase	\$ 17.71						<u>(4)</u>	10/01/2007	Common Stock	75,000
Option to Purchase	\$ 16.8						<u>(6)</u>	01/24/2008	Common Stock	150,000
Option to Purchase	\$ 13.59						<u>(6)</u>	07/22/2008	Common Stock	37,500
Option to Purchase	\$ 16.61						<u>(6)</u>	01/03/2009	Common Stock	37,500
Option to Purchase (3)	\$ 27.02	09/28/2005		A	100,000		<u>(5)</u>	09/28/2011	Common Stock	100,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ELLIS EDWARD H JR C/O HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC. 13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY HOUSTON, TX 77040	X		Executive Vice President & CFO				

Signatures

Christopher L. Martin as Attorney-in-Fact for Edward H. 09/30/2005 Ellis, Jr.

**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) Option to purchase granted pursuant to 1995 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (2) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2001 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (3) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2004 Flexible Incentive Plan.

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- (4) The options vest equally, on the anniversary date, over a 3 year period.
- (5) The options vest equally, on the anniversary date, over a 4 year period.
- (6) The options vest equally, on the anniversary date, over a 5 year period.

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