

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/

Form 4

December 29, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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

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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
3707 CHEVY CHASE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/28/2005

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

HOUSTON, TX 77019

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/28/2005		M	2,000 A \$ 21.33	2,000	I	Owned by family LP

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. 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase (1)	\$ 19.47					(2) 08/26/2012	Common Stock	37,500
Option to Purchase (1)	\$ 21.33	12/28/2005		M	2,000	12/20/2005 12/20/2009	Common Stock	18,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Duer Walter M 3707 CHEVY CHASE HOUSTON, TX 77019		X		

Signatures

Christopher L. Martin as Attorney-in-Fact for Walter M.
Duer 12/29/2005

__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 the 2001 Flexible Incentive Plan.

(2) The options vest over a 60-month period, the aggregate number of shares purchasable are as follows: 8/26/05 - 7,500; 8/26/06 - 15,000; 8/26/07 - 22,500; 8/26/08 - 30,000; 8/26/09 - 37,500.

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