HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Molbeck John Niels Jr

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

Symbol

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/ [HCC]

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

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

11111 CLAYMORE ROAD

03/23/2006

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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

Person

below)

HOUSTON, TX 77024

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

(Instr. 4)

(Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Reported

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Conversion Security or Exercise any

5. Number of Transaction Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				
			Code V	(A) (D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Option to Purchase	\$ 23.78				(2)	04/04/2013	Common Stock	37,500
Option to Purchase (3)	\$ 30.35				01/05/2007	01/05/2011	Common Stock	12,500
Option to Purchase (3)	\$ 33.17	03/23/2006	A	200,000	<u>(4)</u>	03/23/2011	Common Stock	200,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 6	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Molbeck John Niels Jr 11111 CLAYMORE ROAD HOUSTON, TX 77024	X					

Signatures

Christopher L. Martin as Attorney-in-Fact for John N.
Molbeck, Jr.
03/24/2006

**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 in equal amounts annually over a 5 year period beginning 4/4/06.
- (3) Option to purchase granted pursuant to the 2004 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (4) The options vest in equal amounts annually over a 3 year period beginning 3/23/07.

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