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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Irick Brad T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/ [HCC]

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY

(Street)

03/11/2014

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Executive Vice President & CFO 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

below)

HOUSTON, TX 77040

| (City) | (State) (Z | Zip) Table | I - Non-D | erivative S | Securi | ties Ac | quired, Disposed | of, or Beneficia | lly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|--------|---------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price | | | 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) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 30,439 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2014 | | A | 2,882 | A | \$0 | 33,321 | 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) | 4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Expiration D (Month/Day/ e | 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 (1) | \$ 24.56 | | | | (2) | 05/26/2016 | Common Stock | 50,000 | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Irick Brad T 13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY HOUSTON, TX 77040

Executive Vice President & CFO

Signatures

Alexander M Ludlow as Attorney in Fact for Brad T.

Irick

03/17/2014

**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 2008 Flexible Incentive Plan.
- (2) The options vest equally annually beginning 05/26/2011 @ 10,000 shares per year.

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