

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/  
Form 8-K  
April 20, 2010

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

**Form 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): 04/19/2010**

**HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Commission File Number: 001-13790**

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**76-0336636**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**13403 Northwest Freeway**  
Houston, Texas 77040  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**713-690-7300**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

On April 19, 2010, HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") entered into a First Amendment to Employment Agreement (the "First Amendment"), with William T. Whamond, the Company's Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Under the terms of the First Amendment, if Mr. Whamond's employment is terminated following the occurrence of certain events described in his Employment Agreement, Mr. Whamond is entitled to receive a payment, in lieu of any bonus payment, in an amount equal to his current annual "Base Salary" as defined in his Employment Agreement. The First Amendment is filed hereinwith as Exhibit 10.1 and incorporated by reference into this Item 5.02.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibit 10.01 First Amendment to Employment Agreement

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc.

Date: April 20, 2010

By: /s/ Randy D. Rinicella

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Randy D. Rinicella  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
EX-10.01	Amendment to Employment Agreement