

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/  
Form 8-K  
November 25, 2008

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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): 11/20/2008**

**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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - 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**

Thomas M. Hamilton, 65, was elected to our Board of Directors on November 20, 2008, and will serve on the Compensation and Nominating & Corporate Governance Committees. Mr. Hamilton has been Co-owner of Medora Investments, a private investment firm, since April 2003. He served as the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of EEX Corporation from January 1997 until his retirement in November 2002. Previously, Mr. Hamilton has held various executive positions at other oil and gas companies, including Pennzoil, BP and Exxon. Mr. Hamilton serves on the Board of Directors of FMC Technologies, Inc. (NYSE symbol: FTI), Hercules Offshore, Inc. (Nasdaq symbol: HERO) and Methanex Corporation (Nasdaq global market symbol: MEOH).

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**Signature(s)**

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: November 25, 2008

By: /s/ Randy D. Rinicella

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Randy D. Rinicella  
Senior Vice President & General Counsel