

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/

Form 8-K

August 15, 2006

**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) **August 14, 2006**

**HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**001-13790**  
(Commission File Number)

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

**13403 Northwest Freeway, Houston, Texas**      **77040**  
(Address of principal executive offices)      (Zip Code)  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **713-690-7300**

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(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 8.01 Other Events**

On August 10, 2006, HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a Form 12b-25, whereby the Company announced it would not file its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2006 (the "Quarterly

Report") on a timely basis.

On August 14, 2006, the Company issued a press release announcing the Quarterly Report would be delayed until the completion of an independent internal review of its historical stock option granting practices.

A copy of the press release filed by the Company is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference and is also available at HCC's website at [www.hcc.com](http://www.hcc.com).

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Exhibit 99.1. Press release dated August 14, 2006

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**SIGNATURE**

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

**HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc.**

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(Registrant)

**/s/ CHRISTOPHER L. MARTIN**

**August 14, 2006**

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(Date)

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Christopher L. Martin  
*Executive VP & General Counsel*

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**Exhibit Index**

99.1 Press release dated August 14, 2006