

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/

Form 8-K

February 11, 2008

**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)**

**February 8, 2008**

**HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

001-13790  
(Commission File  
Number)

76-0336636  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

13403 Northwest Freeway  
Houston, Texas  
(Address of principal executive offices)

77040-6094  
(Zip Code)

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

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- 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 February 8, 2008, HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. ( HCC ) announced in a press release that it reached a settlement with plaintiffs in remaining class action litigation relating to its historical stock option granting practices. The terms of the settlement provide for a full and complete release of all claims in the litigation and payment of \$10 million which will be paid by HCC s directors and officers liability insurers. As in all class actions, the settlement is subject to court approval. Once approved, the settlement, which includes no admission of liability or wrongdoing by HCC or any other defendants, will resolve all class action litigation pending against HCC, and its former and current directors and officers.

A copy of HCC s press release announcing the settlement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**No. Exhibit**

99.1 Press Release dated February 8, 2008 Announcing Settlement of Class Action Litigation

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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: February 11, 2008

By: /s/ Frank J. Bramanti  
Frank J. Bramanti,  
Chief Executive Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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