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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)
July 12, 2004

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC.

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

STATE OR OTHER COMMISSION IRS EMPLOYER JURISDICTION FILE NUMBER: IDENTIFICATION OF INCORPORATION: NUMBER:

DELAWARE 001-13790 76-0336636

13403 NORTHWEST FREEWAY HOUSTON, TEXAS 77040-6094 (ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

REGISTRANT S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE (713) 690-7300

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ITEM 5. Other Events.

The Company issued a press release dated July 12, 2004 announcing the election of Walter M. Duer to serve on the Company s Board of Directors. A copy of the press release filed by the Company is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibits are filed with this report.

| Number | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press release dated July 12, 2004 issued by the Company announcing appointment of a new director to the Board of Directors. |

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.

Dated: July 19, 2004 HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ Christopher L. Martin Christopher L. Martin

Executive Vice President and General

Counsel

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