

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/

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**UNITED STATES
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Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 12b-25
NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING**

(Check one): Form 10-K Form 20-F Form 11-K Form 10-Q Form 10-D Form N-SAR Form N-CSR

For Period Ended: September 30, 2006

Transition Report on
Form 10-K

Transition Report on
Form 20-F

Transition Report on
Form 11-K

Transition Report on
Form 10-Q

Transition Report on
Form N-SAR

For the Transition Period
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Nothing in this form shall be construed to imply that the Commission has verified any information contained herein.

If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the Item(s) to which the notification relates:

PART I REGISTRANT INFORMATION

HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc.

Full Name of Registrant

N/A

Former Name if Applicable

13403 Northwest Freeway

Address of Principal Executive Office (*Street and Number*)

Houston, Texas 77040-6095

City, State and Zip Code

PART II RULES 12b-25(b) AND (c)

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate)

(a) The reason described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense

b (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 11-K, Form N-SAR or Form N-CSR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q or subject distribution report on Form 10-D, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and

(c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

PART III NARRATIVE

State below in reasonable detail why Forms 10-K, 20-F, 11-K, 10-Q, 10-D, N-SAR, N-CSR, or the transition report or portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed time period.

HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc.'s (the Company) second quarter report on Form 10-Q was delayed following the initiation of its independent voluntary internal review of its stock option granting practices. At that time the Company filed a Form 12b-25 Notification of Late Filing and then issued a subsequent press release announcing that it would be unable to file its quarterly report until such time as the independent review was completed.

On November 8, 2006, the Company filed a Form 8-K/A, announcing that such review is still in process. As a result, the Company is not able to file its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2006 within the time period prescribed by the report.

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PART IV OTHER INFORMATION

- (1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification

Christopher L. Martin
(Name)

(713)
(Area Code)

690-7300
(Telephone Number)

- (2) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such report(s) been filed? If answer is no, identify report(s).

Yes No

The Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2006 has not been filed.

- (3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof?

Yes No

If so, attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc.
(Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date November 8, 2006

By /s/ Christopher L. Martin

Christopher L. Martin,
Executive Vice President and General
Counsel