

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/  
Form 8-K  
March 12, 2012

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**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): **March 12, 2012**

**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**  
(I.R.S. 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)

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  - 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.**

On March 8, 2012, James E. Oesterreicher notified HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. (the Company ) that, due to family health issues, he will not stand for reelection to the Company s Board of Directors (the Board ) at the Company s 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders on May 23, 2012 (the Annual Meeting ). Mr. Oesterreicher currently serves on the Board s Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and will continue to serve until the date of the Annual Meeting. The Board and the Company thank Mr. Oesterreicher for his service to the Company.

**SIGNATURE**

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.

By:

/s/ Alexander M Ludlow  
Alexander M Ludlow  
Associate General Counsel & Assistant Secretary

DATED: March 12, 2012