

HCC INSURANCE HOLDINGS INC/DE/

Form 8-K

October 19, 2004

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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

October 18, 2004  
Date of Report  
(Date of earliest event reported)

**HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

0-20766  
(Commission File Number)

76-0336636  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

13403 Northwest Freeway  
Houston, Texas 77040-6094  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

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

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))
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**Section 8 Other Events**

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On October 19, 2004, HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release related to its offer to exchange an aggregate principal amount of up to \$172,442,000 of the Company s 2.00% Convertible Exchange Notes due 2021 for a like principal amount of the Company s issued and outstanding 2.00% Convertible Notes due 2021. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Item 9.01. Exhibits.

<b><u>Exhibit Number</u></b>	<b><u>Title of Document</u></b>
99.1	Press Release dated October 19, 2004

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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.**

By: /s/ Edward H. Ellis  
Edward H. Ellis  
Executive Vice President

Dated: October 18, 2004

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