

Report") on a timely basis.

On August 14, 2006, the Company issued a press release announcing the Quarterly Report would be delayed until the completion of an independent internal review of its historical stock option granting practices.

A copy of the press release filed by the Company is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference and is also available at HCC's website at www.hcc.com.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1. Press release dated August 14, 2006

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc.

(Registrant)

/s/ CHRISTOPHER L. MARTIN

August 14, 2006

(Date)

Christopher L. Martin
Executive VP & General Counsel

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99.1 Press release dated August 14, 2006