

KETTIG DAVID T
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KETTIG DAVID T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
INDEPENDENCE HOLDING CO [IHC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
96 CUMMINGS POINT RD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/07/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP and COO

STAMFORD, CT 06902

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. D

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.99	10/07/2009		D			10,000		<u>(1)</u>	11/29/2010	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.15	10/07/2009		D			20,000		<u>(3)</u>	06/18/2011	Common Stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KETTIG DAVID T 96 CUMMINGS POINT RD STAMFORD, CT 06902			SVP and COO	

Signatures

/s/ David T.
Kettig

10/08/2009

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The options were 100% exercisable as of November 30, 2008.
- (2) The options were cancelled by mutual agreement of the reporting person and Independence Holding Company. The reporting person received \$500 as consideration for the cancellation.
- (3) The options were 100% exercisable as of June 19, 2009.
- (4) The options were cancelled by mutual agreement of the reporting person and Independence Holding Company. The reporting person received \$1,000 as consideration for the cancellation.

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