

INDEPENDENCE HOLDING CO
 Form 4
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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)
02/09/2016

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
COO & SVP

STAMFORD, CT 06902
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Acquired | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
|---|------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|-----|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| | | | Code | V | | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 9.09 ⁽¹⁾ | 02/09/2016 | | D ⁽²⁾ | | 45,300 ⁽¹⁾ | | ⁽²⁾ 01/04/2017 | Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 9.09 ⁽¹⁾ | 02/09/2016 | | A ⁽²⁾ | | 45,300 ⁽¹⁾ | | ⁽²⁾ 01/04/2019 | Common Stock |
| Stock Appreciation Right (Common Stock) | \$ 7.11 ⁽¹⁾ | 02/09/2016 | | D ⁽³⁾ | | 11,000 ⁽¹⁾ | | ⁽³⁾ 03/16/2016 | Common Stock |
| Stock Appreciate Right (Common Stock) | \$ 7.11 ⁽¹⁾ | 02/09/2016 | | A ⁽³⁾ | | 11,000 ⁽¹⁾ | | ⁽³⁾ 03/16/2018 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

David T. Kettig 02/11/2016
 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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) Adjusted for the 10% stock dividend paid on February 17, 2012.
- (2) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on January 5, 2010 and vested in three equal annual installments beginning on January 5, 2011. The original option was previously amended on May 16, 2014 to extend the expiration date from January 4, 2015 to January 4, 2017.
- (3) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding stock appreciation right (SAR), resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" SAR and the grant of the replacement SAR. The SAR was originally granted on March 16, 2011 and fully vested

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when the Company completed repurchase transactions of its common stock aggregating \$1.5 million in equivalent value.

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