

INDEPENDENCE HOLDING CO
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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 *
 Giordano Alex

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)
 05/25/2006

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ 10% Owner
 _____ Other (specify below)
 VP & Chief Marketing Officer

STAMFORD, CT 06902

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/25/2006		M	4,325 A \$ 7.33	13,165	D	
Common Stock	05/25/2006		S	2,800 D \$ 21.3354	10,365	D	
Common Stock	05/26/2006		M	22,675 A \$ 7.33	33,040	D	
Common Stock	05/26/2006		S	14,000 D \$ 21.3054	19,040	D	

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 (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option(Right to Buy)	\$ 7.33	05/25/2006		M	4,325	03/21/2004 09/15/2006	Common Stock	4,325
Stock Option(Right to Buy)	\$ 7.33	05/26/2006		M	22,675	03/21/2004 09/15/2006	Common Stock	22,675

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Giordano Alex 96 CUMMINGS POINT RD STAMFORD, CT 06902			VP & Chief Marketing Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Alex
Giordano

05/26/2006

**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).

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