INDEPENDENCE HOLDING CO

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See Instruction

1(b).

(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	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/14/2006	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP and Chief Marketing Officer		
(Street) STAMFORD, CT 06902	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	Derivative :	Securi	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	y 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. Securit on(A) or Dia (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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)
Common Stock	11/14/2006		M	12,975	A		32,015	D	
Common Stock	11/14/2006		S	5,600	D	\$ 22.37	26,415	D	
Common Stock	11/15/2006		M	1,587	A	\$ 3.88	28,002	D	
Common Stock	11/15/2006		S	800	D	\$ 22.19	27,202	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.88	11/14/2006		M	12,975	01/01/2000	12/31/2006	Common Stock	12,975
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.88	11/15/2006		M	1,587	01/01/2000	12/31/2006	Common Stock	1,587

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Giordano Alex

96 CUMMINGS POINT RD STAMFORD, CT 06902

VP and Chief Marketing Officer

Signatures

Alex Giordano 11/16/2006

**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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