

KETTIG DAVID T
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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 ROAD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/16/2017

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President and COO

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 11/16/2017 | | M | V | 27,500 A \$ 9.99 | 132,056 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/16/2017 | | F(1) | | 18,507 D \$ 27.65 | 113,549 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/16/2017 | | D | | 25,000 D \$ 27.65 | 88,549 | 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--------|--|-----------------|---|
| | | | | | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | |
| Stock Option (Right to buy) | \$ 9.99 | 11/16/2017 | | M | | 27,500 | (2) | 03/19/2018 | Common Stock |
| Stock Option (Right to buy) | \$ 27.65 | 11/16/2017 | | A | 27,500 | | (3) | 11/16/2022 | Common Stock |
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 27.65 | 11/16/2017 | | A | 11,000 | | (3) | 11/16/2022 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KETTIG DAVID T 96 CUMMINGS POINT ROAD STAMFORD, CT 06902 | X | | President and COO | |

Signatures

/David T.
Kettig/ 11/17/2017

__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).

- Represents a "net exercise" of stock option. The reporting person received 8,993 shares of common stock on net exercise of option to
- (1) purchase 27,500 shares of common stock. The Company withheld 18,507 shares of common stock underlying the option for payment of the exercise price and applicable taxes, based on the closing stock price on November 16, 2017 of \$27.65.
 - (2) Fully vested as of the date hereof.
 - (3) Vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the one-year anniversary of the grant date.

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