

INDEPENDENCE HOLDING CO  
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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 \*  
**THUNG ROY T K**

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  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**President & CEO**

**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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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	(D)	Price
Common Stock	05/25/2006		M		15,250	A	\$ 7.33
Common Stock	05/25/2006		S		9,700	D	\$ 21.2747
Common Stock	05/26/2006		M		63,250	A	\$ 7.33
Common Stock	05/26/2006		S		40,300	D	\$ 21.2507

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option(Right to Buy)	\$ 7.33	05/25/2006		M	15,250	03/21/2004 09/15/2006	Common Stock	15,250
Stock Option(Right to Buy)	\$ 7.33	05/26/2006		M	63,250	03/21/2004 09/15/2006	Common Stock	63,250

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THUNG ROY T K 96 CUMMINGS POINT RD STAMFORD, CT 06902	X		President & CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Roy TK  
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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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