THUNG ROY T K

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

THUNG ROY T K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

INDEPENDENCE HOLDING CO

[IHC]

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/05/2010

_X__ Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

CEO and President

Other (specify

X_ Officer (give title below)

96 CUMMINGS POINT RD

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

STAMFORD, CT 06902

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported

(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Middle)

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (ADisposed of (Instr. 3, 4, 5)	f (D)				
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amor Numl Share
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10	01/05/2010		A	160,000		<u>(1)</u>	01/04/2015	Common Stock	160,
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 10	01/05/2010		A	100,000		(2)	01/04/2015	Common Stock	100,

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Roy T.K. Thung 01/07/2010

**Signature of 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).
- (1) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on January 5, 2011.
- (2) The stock appreciation rights vest in three equal annual installments beginning on January 5, 2011.

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