

INDEPENDENT BANK CORP /MI/  
Form 8-K  
November 06, 2006

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, DC 10549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 6, 2006

**INDEPENDENT BANK CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as  
specified in its charter)

**Michigan**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-7818**  
(Commission File Number)

**38-2032782**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**230 West Main Street**  
**Ionia, Michigan**  
(Address of principal executive office)

**48846**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number,  
including area code:  
**(616) 527-9450**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 1.01 Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement**

On November 6, 2006, Independent Bank and Independent Bank South Michigan (collectively, the Banks ), both wholly-owned subsidiaries of Independent Bank Corporation (the Registrant ), entered into a Branch Purchase Agreement with TCF National Bank. Pursuant to the Branch Purchase Agreement, the Banks have agreed to purchase a total of 10 branch locations from TCF National Bank. The branches to be acquired are located in Bay City, Saginaw, and Battle Creek, Michigan. The closing is expected to occur in March of 2007, subject to the receipt of regulatory approvals and the satisfaction of other customary closing conditions.

A copy of the Branch Purchase Agreement is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 10.1, and a copy of the press release announcing the execution of the agreement is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

The information set forth in this Item 1.01 is qualified in its entirety by the provisions of the Branch Purchase Agreement.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- (d) Exhibit 10.1 Branch Purchase Agreement, dated November 6, 2006
  - Exhibit 99.1 Press Release issued November 6, 2006
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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: November 6, 2006

INDEPENDENT BANK CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Robert N. Shuster

Robert N. Shuster  
Executive VP and CFO