INDEPENDENCE HOLDING CO

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Smedsrud Jeffrey C			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol INDEPENDENCE HOLDING CO [IHC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 860 BLUE GE	(First)	(Middle) #330	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/05/2013	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President		
	(Street)		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		
EAGAN, MN 55121				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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)	on(A) or D	rities Acquired Disposed of (D) 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	07/05/2013		M	5,500	A	\$ 7.11	91,914	D	
Common Stock	07/05/2013		D	5,500	D	\$ 12.52	86,414	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 7.11	07/05/2013		M	5,500	04/28/2012	08/10/2016	Common Stock	5,500

Reporting Owners

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Smedsrud Jeffrey C Senior 860 BLUE GENTIAN RD #330 Vice EAGAN, MN 55121 President

Signatures

Jeffrey C. Smedsrud 07/08/2013

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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