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## **UNITED STATES**

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

# 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) December 9, 2004

## **INDEPENDENCE HOLDING COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Delaware</u> <u>010306</u> <u>58-1407235</u>

(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification

incorporation or organization)

96 Cummings Point Road, Stamford, Connecticut

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No.)

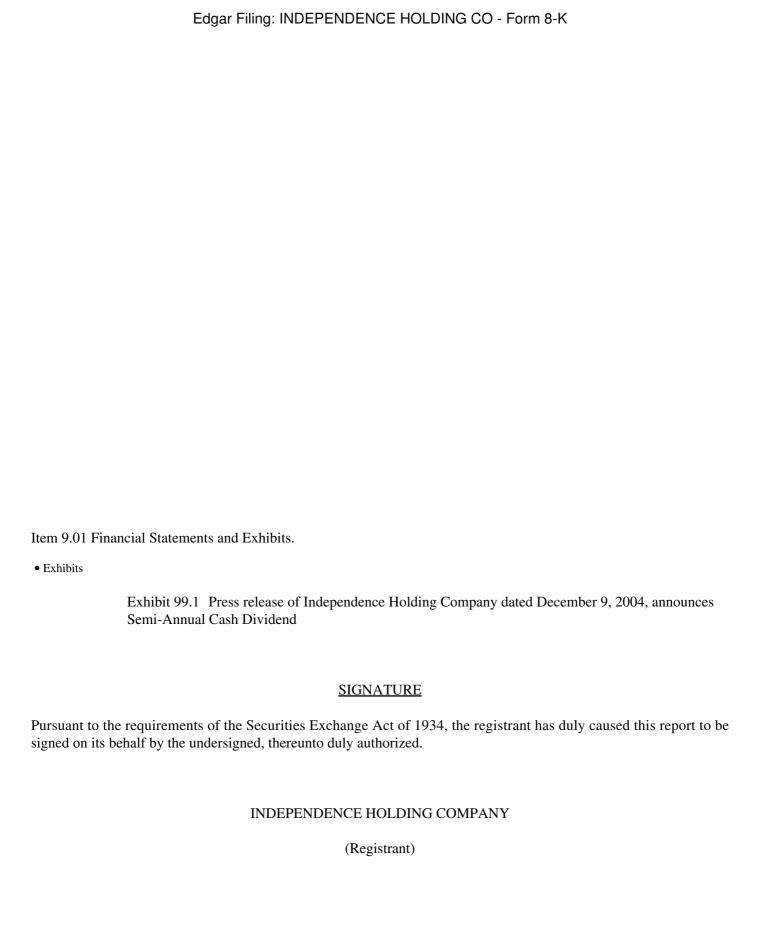
(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (203) 358-8000

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By: <u>Teresa A. Herbert</u> Date: <u>December 9, 2004</u>

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Teresa A. Herbert

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit 99.1

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#### **NEWS RELEASE**

# INDEPENDENCE HOLDING COMPANY ANNOUNCES

## SEMI-ANNUAL CASH DIVIDEND

Stamford, Connecticut, December 9, 2004. Independence Holding Company ("IHC") (NYSE - IHC) today reported declaration of a semi-annual cash dividend of \$.025 per share payable to shareholders of record on January 7, 2005 with a payment date of January 21, 2005.

IHC is a holding company principally engaged in the life and health insurance business and the acquisition of blocks of policies through its subsidiaries, Standard Security Life Insurance Company of New York and Madison National Life Insurance Company, Inc. and its affiliate, American Independence Corp. Standard Life markets medical stop-loss, long-term and short-term disability, group life and managed health care products. Madison Life sells group life and disability, employer medical stop-loss, credit life and disability and individual life insurance. AMIC is a holding company principally engaged in the insurance and reinsurance business through Independence American Insurance Company and its employer medical stop-loss and managed care managing general underwriters.

Some of the statements included herein may be considered to be forward looking statements which are subject to certain risks and uncertainties. Factors which could cause the actual results to differ materially from those suggested

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by such statements are described from time to time in IHC's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.