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ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008  
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**AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE CORP.**  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE 11-1817252  
(State of Incorporation) (I. R.S. Employer Identification No.)

485 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10022  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(212) 355-4141

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

NONE

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act

COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.01 PER SHARE

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Act.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act:

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act).

Yes  No

The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates computed by reference to the price at which the common equity was last sold, as of June 30, 2008 was \$26,681,000.

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Outstanding at March 16, 2009</u>
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	8,503,989

**Portions of the registrant's definitive proxy statement to be delivered (or made available, pursuant to applicable regulations) to stockholders in connection with the 2009 annual meeting of stockholders to be held in June 2009 are incorporated by reference in response to Part III of this Report.**

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## **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

*This report on Form 10-K contains certain “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which are intended to be covered by the safe harbors created by those laws. We have based our forward-looking statements on our current expectations and projections about future events. Our forward-looking statements include information about possible or assumed future results of our operations. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included or incorporated by reference in this report that address activities, events or developments that we expect or anticipate may occur in the future, including such things as the growth of our business and operations, our business strategy, competitive strengths, goals, plans, future capital expenditures and references to future successes may be considered forward-looking statements. Also, when we use words such as “anticipate,” “believe,” “estimate,” “expect,” “intend,” “plan,” “probably” or similar expressions, we are making forward-looking statements.*

*Numerous risks and uncertainties may impact the matters addressed by our forward-looking statements, any of which could negatively and materially affect our future financial results and performance. We describe some of these risks and uncertainties in greater detail in Item 1A of this report, Risk Factors.*

*Although we believe that the assumptions underlying our forward-looking statements are reasonable, any of these assumptions, and, therefore, also the forward-looking statements based on these assumptions, could themselves prove to be inaccurate. In light of the significant uncertainties inherent in the forward-looking statements that are included in this report, our inclusion of this information is not a representation by us or any other person that our objectives and plans will be achieved. Our forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made, and we will not update these forward-looking statements unless the securities laws require us to do so. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, any forward-looking event discussed in this report may not occur.*

## PART I

### Item 1. BUSINESS

#### *Business Overview*

American Independence Corp. is a Delaware corporation (NASDAQ: AMIC). We are a holding company principally engaged in health insurance and reinsurance with principal executive offices located at 485 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10022.

Our website is located at [www.americanindependencecorp.com](http://www.americanindependencecorp.com). Detailed information about AMIC, its corporate affiliates and insurance products and services can be found on our website. In addition, we make our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and all amendments to such reports available, free of charge, through our website, as soon as reasonably practicable after they are filed with or furnished to the SEC. The information on our website, however, is not incorporated by reference in, and does not form part of, this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

We provide specialized health coverage and related services to commercial customers and individuals. We focus on niche health products and/or narrowly defined distribution channels in the United States. Our wholly owned subsidiary, Independence American Insurance Company ("Independence American"), markets its products through AMIC's managing general underwriter and agency subsidiaries and through independent brokers, producers and agents.

As used in this report, unless otherwise required by the context, AMIC and its subsidiaries are sometimes collectively referred to as the "Company" or "AMIC", or are implicit in the terms "we", "us" and "our".

AMIC retains much of the risk that it underwrites, and focuses on the following lines of business:

- Medical excess or "stop-loss"
- Major medical for individuals and families
- Group major medical
- Short-term medical

Independence American, which is domiciled in Delaware, is licensed to write property and/or casualty insurance in 49 states and the District of Columbia, and has an A- (Excellent) rating from A.M. Best Company, Inc. ("A.M. Best"). We have been informed by A.M. Best that an A.M. Best rating is assigned after an extensive quantitative and qualitative evaluation of a company's financial condition and operating performance, and is also based upon factors relevant to policyholders, agents, and intermediaries, and is not directed towards protection of investors. A.M. Best ratings are not recommendations to buy, sell or hold securities of the Company.

We own controlling interests in three managing general underwriter subsidiaries: IndependenceCare Underwriting Services – Minneapolis, L.L.C. ("IndependenceCare"); Marlton Risk Group LLC ("Marlton") and Risk Assessment Strategies, Inc. ("RAS"). IndependenceCare, Marlton and RAS are collectively referred to as "our MGUs." AMIC also has a minority investment in Majestic Underwriters LLC ("Majestic"). Our MGUs are responsible for marketing, underwriting, billing and collecting premiums, and, through an affiliate, administering and processing claims and medical management. In the fourth quarter of 2008, the Company formed Excess Claims Administrators, Inc. ("ECA") to administer, adjudicate, and process claims and perform medical management services for our MGUs, Majestic and third parties. These functions, which were previously performed by each MGU separately, were consolidated in order to generate cost savings through economies of scale and provide more uniform results among the MGUs.

IndependenceCare, which is headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota, markets and underwrites employer medical stop-loss, provider excess loss, HMO Reinsurance and ancillary products for Standard Security Life Insurance Company of New York ("Standard Security Life") and Madison National Life Insurance Company, Inc. ("Madison National Life"), Independence American and another carrier. Standard Security Life

and Madison National Life are wholly owned, indirect subsidiaries of Independence Holding Company. Independence Holding Company and its subsidiaries including Standard Security Life and Madison National Life are collectively referred to as "IHC". IHC owns 49.7% of AMIC's outstanding stock. Marlton, which is headquartered near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, markets and underwrites employer medical stop-loss and group life for Standard Security Life, Independence American and two other carriers. RAS, which is headquartered near Hartford, Connecticut, markets and underwrites employer medical stop-loss and group life for Standard Security Life, Madison National Life, Independence American and one other carrier. AMIC also has a 51% ownership in HealthInsurance.org, LLC ("HIO"), an insurance and marketing agency, and a 51% ownership in Independent Producers of America, LLC ("IPA"), a national, career agent marketing organization. HIO and IPA are collectively referred to as "our Agencies".

In 2007, Independence American began writing group major medical, medical stop-loss, major medical plans for individuals and families, and short-term medical ("STM") primarily through two distribution sources. Given its A- (Excellent) rating from A.M. Best, in 2008, Independence American began to expand the distribution of its medical stop-loss products and major medical plans for individuals and families, although its overall premiums decreased as a result of reduced reinsurance premiums from IHC's smaller book of business. In 2009, Independence American expects to continue to expand the distribution, as a direct writer, of these products, and expects its reinsurance premiums to be relatively flat. Historically, Independence American derived most of its income from assumed reinsurance premiums

## **Our Philosophy**

Our business strategy consists of maximizing underwriting profits through a variety of niche health products and/or through distribution channels that enable us to access underserved markets or markets in which we believe we have a competitive advantage. In addition to distributing through independent agents and brokers, Independence American focuses on alternative distribution sources, such as captive agencies and direct-to-consumer initiatives. While management considers a wide range of factors in its strategic planning and decision-making, underwriting profit is consistently emphasized as the primary goal in all decisions.

## **Our Products**

### **Medical Stop-Loss**

Self-insured group major medical plans permit employers flexibility in designing employee health coverages at a cost that may be lower than that available through other health care plans provided by an insurer or managed care organizations ("MCO"). Employer medical stop-loss insurance provides coverage to public and private entities that elect to self-insure their employees' medical coverage for losses within specified ranges, which permits such groups to manage the risk of excessive health insurance costs by limiting specific and aggregate losses to predetermined amounts.

This stop-loss coverage is available on either a "specific" or a "specific and aggregate" basis. Specific stop-loss coverage reimburses employers for large claims incurred by an individual employee or dependent. When an employee's or dependent's covered claims exceed the specific stop-loss deductible, covered amounts in excess of the deductible are reimbursable to the employer under the specific stop-loss policy. The specific stop-loss deductible is selected based on the number of covered employees, the employer's capacity to assume some of the risk, and the medical claim experience of the plan. Aggregate stop-loss coverage protects the employer against fluctuations due to claim frequency. The employer's overall claim liability is limited to a certain dollar amount, often referred to as the attachment point. An aggregate stop-loss policy usually provides reimbursement when coverage claims for the plan as a whole exceed the aggregate attachment point.

Standard Security Life, Madison National Life and Independence American market employer medical stop-loss insurance nationally through a network of managing general underwriters ("MGUs"), which are non-salaried contractors that receive administrative fees. As of December 31, 2008, Standard Security Life marketed this product through nine MGUs, including IndependenceCare, RAS, Marlton and Majestic. As of December 31, 2008, Madison National Life marketed this product through one MGU. As of December 31, 2008, Independence American marketed this product through two MGUs. MGUs are responsible for establishing an employer's

conditions for coverage in accordance with guidelines formulated and approved by Standard Security Life, Madison National Life and Independence American, billing and collecting premiums from the employers, paying commissions to agents, third-party administrators ("TPAs") and/or brokers, and adjudicating claims. Standard Security Life, Madison National Life and Independence American are responsible for selecting MGUs, establishing underwriting guidelines, maintaining approved policy forms and reviewing employers' claims for reimbursement, as well as establishing appropriate accounting procedures and reserves.

Independence American issues and/or reinsures managed care excess coverages, including provider excess loss insurance and HMO Reinsurance. Provider excess loss insurance is marketed to providers, MCOs, hospital groups, physician groups and individual practice associations that have assumed risk (through capitation by an HMO or otherwise) and desire to reduce their risk assumption and/or are required to purchase coverage by contract or regulation. The market for this product has shrunk in recent years and we currently have an immaterial amount of this business. Independence American reinsures HMO Reinsurance coverage written by Standard Security Life and marketed through IndependenceCare. This coverage protects HMOs against excess losses incurred under an HMO health plan and is marketed to HMOs that desire to reduce their risk assumption and/or are required to purchase coverage by contract or regulation.

Independence American has employer medical stop-loss policies approved in the vast majority of states. Independence American wrote employer medical stop-loss business through two distribution sources in 2008 (see Note 19 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements). Given its A- (Excellent) rating from A.M. Best in 2008, Independence American has begun writing medical stop-loss through other MGUs.

### **Fully Insured Health**

During 2008, Independence American reinsured 9% of the group major medical business written by Standard Security Life and Madison National Life, including consumer-driven health plans ("CDHPs"). This business, generally written through agents and brokers that receive commissions, is fully insured major medical coverage designed to work with health reimbursement accounts ("HRA") and health savings accounts ("HSA") which are implemented by employers that wish to provide this benefit as part of an employee welfare benefit plan. These plans are offered primarily as preferred provider organizations ("PPO") plans, and provide a variety of cost-sharing options, including deductibles, coinsurance and co-payment. In 2008, Independence American wrote approximately \$22.4 million of this business and retained 100% of the risk, subject to a contractual undertaking by the producer of this business to share in 35% of all profits and losses. Independence American expects the reinsurance premium from this line of business to decline in 2009 and its direct business to remain steady in 2009. In 2008, Independence American wrote approximately \$4.3 million of health plans for individual and families through IPA and ceded 50% to a third-party reinsurer. AMIC anticipates growth in this line of business in 2009 both through these production sources and modest growth in assumed reinsurance premiums derived from health plans for individual and families written by Standard Security Life and Madison National Life.

### **Short-Term Medical ("STM")**

This business, primarily written through agents and brokers that receive commissions, is designed specifically for people with short-term needs for health coverage. Typically, STM products are written as major medical coverage with a defined duration, which is normally twelve months or less. Among the typical purchasers of STM products are self-employed professionals, recent college graduates, people between jobs, employed individuals not currently eligible for group insurance, and others who need insurance for a specified period of time. Independence American is licensed to write this product in the vast majority of states, and will continue to seek alternative distribution channels (including through HIO) that would give it an opportunity to write this business on its paper. During 2008, Independence American reinsured 10% of the STM business written by Standard Security Life and Madison National Life. Independence American expects modest growth from the reinsurance premium and direct premium from this line of business in 2009.

### **Short-term Statutory Disability**

Independence American reinsures 20% of Standard Security Life's short-term statutory disability benefit product in New York State ("DBL"). All companies with more than one employee in New York State are required

to provide DBL insurance for their employees. DBL coverage provides temporary cash payments to replace wages lost as a result of disability due to non-occupational injury or illness. The DBL policy provides for (i) payment of 50% of salary to a maximum of \$170 per week; (ii) a maximum of 26 weeks in a consecutive 52 week period; and (iii) benefit commencement on the eighth consecutive day of disability. Policies covering fewer than 50 employees have fixed rates approved by the New York State Insurance Department. Policies covering 50 or more employees are individually underwritten. The DBL business is marketed primarily through independent general agents. Independence American expects the reinsurance premium from this line of business to remain steady in 2009.

## **Reinsurance**

Reinsurance is an arrangement in which an insurance company (the "reinsurer") agrees to indemnify another insurance company (the "ceding company") against all or a portion of the insurance risks underwritten by the ceding company under one or more insurance contracts. Reinsurance provides a ceding company with additional underwriting capacity by permitting it to accept larger risks and write more business than would be possible without an accompanying increase in statutory capital and surplus. There are two basic types of reinsurance arrangements: treaty and facultative reinsurance. In treaty reinsurance, the ceding company is obligated to cede and the reinsurer is obligated to assume a specified portion of a type of category of risks insured by the ceding company. Treaty reinsurers do not separately evaluate each of the individual risks assumed under their treaties and, consequently, after a review of the ceding company's underwriting practices, are largely dependent on the original risk underwriting decisions made by the ceding company. In facultative reinsurance, the ceding company cedes and the reinsurer assumes all or part of the risk under a single insurance contract. Independence American currently only participates in treaty reinsurance. Both treaty and facultative reinsurance can be written on either a pro rata basis or an excess of loss basis. Under pro rata reinsurance, the ceding company and the reinsurer share the premiums as well as the losses and expenses in an agreed proportion. Under excess of loss reinsurance, the reinsurer indemnifies the ceding company against all or a specified portion of losses and expenses in excess of a specified dollar amount, known as the ceding company's retention or reinsurer's attachment point, generally subject to a negotiated reinsurance contract limit. Premiums paid by the ceding company to a reinsurer for excess of loss reinsurance are not directly proportional to the premiums that the ceding company receives because the reinsurer does not assume a proportionate risk. In pro rata reinsurance, the reinsurer generally pays the ceding company a ceding commission. The ceding commission generally is based on the ceding company's cost of acquiring and managing the business being reinsured (commissions, premium taxes, assessments and miscellaneous administrative expenses). Independence American participates in pro rata reinsurance for their medical stop-loss business.

During 2008, 69% of Independence American's premiums earned were derived from assumed reinsurance premiums, compared to 75% in 2007. This lower percentage is primarily due to the increase in direct business. In 2008, 73% of this premium was related to medical stop-loss business, 22% was related to fully insured health business, and 5% was related to DBL. Of the medical stop-loss premiums, 80% was generated from pro rata reinsurance treaties with Standard Security Life and Madison National Life pursuant to which they cede, at treaty renewals, at least 15% (and may cede up to 30%) of their gross medical stop-loss premiums written to Independence American. For 2008, Standard Security Life and Madison National Life ceded, on average, approximately 23% of their medical stop-loss business to Independence American. The reinsurance treaties between Independence American and Standard Security Life and Independence American and Madison National Life terminate December 31, 2014, unless terminated sooner by Independence American. Standard Security Life, which is domiciled in New York, is licensed as an insurance company in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. Madison National Life, which is domiciled in Wisconsin, is licensed to sell insurance products in 49 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, American Samoa and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and is an accredited reinsurer in New York. Both companies are rated A- (Excellent) by A.M. Best. The balance of the medical stop-loss assumed reinsurance premium was related to business written by unaffiliated carriers on nine other programs. For 2008, Independence American received between 15% and 25% of the premium on these unaffiliated programs. The Company's strategic plan is to continue to expand the fully insured health and medical stop-loss business written by Independence American.

## **Federal Net Operating Loss Carryforwards**

At December 31, 2008, AMIC had consolidated net operating loss ("NOL") carryforwards of approximately \$276 million for federal income tax purposes. Some or all of the NOL carryforwards may be available to offset, for federal income tax purposes, the future taxable income, if any, of AMIC as described in more detail in Note 13 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") has not audited any of AMIC's tax returns for any of the years during the carryforward period, including those returns for the years in which the losses giving rise to the NOL carryforward were reported. The IRS has completed their audit of the Company's 2003 and 2004 consolidated income tax returns in the third quarter of 2008 and made no changes to the reported tax for those periods.

Our ability to utilize our NOLs would be substantially reduced if AMIC were to undergo an "ownership change" within the meaning of Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Generally, an "ownership change" occurs if one or more "5% Stockholders" (which generally includes any stockholder who owns five percent or more in value of a company's capital stock) increase their aggregate percentage ownership by more than 50 percentage points over the lowest percentage of stock owned by such stockholders over the preceding three-year period. For this purpose, all holders who each own less than five percent of a company's capital stock generally are treated together as a single "5% Stockholder." In addition, certain attribution rules, which generally attribute ownership of stock to the ultimate beneficial owner thereof without regard to ownership by nominees, trusts, corporations, partnerships, or other entities, are applied to determine the level of stock ownership of a particular stockholder. Transactions in the public markets among stockholders owning less than five percent of the equity securities are generally not included in the calculation, but acquisitions by a person causing that person to become a five percent or more stockholder may be treated as a five percentage (or more) point change in ownership, regardless of the size of the purchase that caused the threshold to be exceeded.

In order to reduce the risk of an ownership change, in November 2002, AMIC's stockholders approved an amendment to its certificate of incorporation restricting transfers of shares of its common stock that could result in the imposition of limitations on the use, for federal, state and city income tax purposes, of AMIC's NOL carryforwards and certain federal income tax credits. The certificate of incorporation generally restricts any person from attempting to sell, transfer or dispose, or purchase or acquire any AMIC stock, if such transfer would affect the percentage of AMIC stock owned by a 5% Stockholder. Any person attempting such a transfer will be required, prior to the date of any proposed transfer, to request in writing that the board of directors review the proposed transfer and authorize or not authorize such proposed transfer. Any attempted transfer made in violation of the stock transfer restrictions will be null and void. In the event of an attempted or purported transfer involving a sale or disposition of capital stock in violation of stock transfer restrictions, the transferor will remain the owner of such shares. Notwithstanding such transfer restrictions, there could be circumstances under which an issuance by AMIC of a significant number of new shares of common stock or other new class of equity security having certain characteristics (for example, the right to vote or convert into common stock) might result in an ownership change under the Code.

## **Investments and Reserves**

Independence American's securities portfolio is managed by employees of IHC and its affiliates, and ultimate investment authority rests with Independence American's board of directors. As a result of the nature of its insurance liabilities, Independence American endeavors to maintain a significant percentage of its assets in investment grade securities, cash and cash equivalents. At December 31, 2008, 99.6% of the fixed maturities were investment grade. The internal investment group provides a summary of the investment portfolio and the performance thereof at the meetings of the Company's board of directors.

Under Delaware insurance law, there are restrictions relating to the percentage of an insurer's admitted assets that may be invested in a specific issuer or in the aggregate in a particular type of investment. In addition, there are qualitative investment restrictions.

Liabilities for insurance reserves were computed using information derived from actual historical premium and claims data. This method is widely used in the health insurance industry to estimate the liabilities

for insurance reserves. Inherent in this calculation are management and actuarial judgments and estimates which could significantly impact the ending reserve liabilities and, consequently, operating results. Actual results may differ, and these estimates are subject to interpretation and change. See Critical Accounting Policies for further explanation of insurance reserve calculation.

## **Competition and Regulation**

Independence American competes with many larger insurance and reinsurance companies and managed care organizations. Our MGUs compete with many other managing general underwriters, insurance companies, and MCOs.

AMIC is an insurance holding company; as such, AMIC and its subsidiaries are subject to regulation and supervision by multiple state insurance regulators, including the Office of the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Delaware (Independence American's domestic regulator). Independence American is subject to regulation and supervision in every state in which it is licensed to transact business. These supervisory agencies have broad administrative powers with respect to the granting and revocation of licenses to transact business, the licensing of agents, the approval of policy forms, the approval of commission rates, the form and content of mandatory financial statements, reserve requirements and the types and maximum amounts of investments which may be made. Such regulation is primarily designed for the benefit of policyholders rather than the stockholders of an insurance company or insurance holding company.

Certain transactions within the AMIC holding company system are also subject to regulation and supervision by such regulatory agencies. All such transactions must be fair and equitable. Notice to or prior approval by the applicable insurance department is required with respect to transactions affecting the ownership or control of an insurer and of certain material transactions, including dividend declarations, between an insurer and any person in its holding company system. Under Delaware insurance laws, "control" is defined as the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a person, and is presumed to exist if any person, directly or indirectly, owns, controls or holds with the power to vote ten percent or more of the voting securities of any other person. An agreement to acquire control of an insurer domiciled in Delaware must be approved by the Office of the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Delaware. In addition, periodic disclosure is required concerning the operations, management and financial condition of the insurer within the holding company system. An insurer is also required to file detailed annual statements with each supervisory agency, and its affairs and financial conditions are subject to periodic examination.

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners has developed a formula for analyzing insurance companies called risk-based capital. The risk-based capital formula is intended to establish minimum capital thresholds that vary with the size and mix of an insurance company's business and assets. It is designed to identify companies with capital levels that may require regulatory attention. The risk-based capital ratio is determined by dividing an insurance company's total adjusted capital, as defined, by its authorized control level risk-based capital. Companies that do not meet certain minimum standards require specified corrective action. At December 31, 2008, Independence American's total adjusted capital was significantly in excess of the authorized control level risk-based capital.

## **Discontinued Operations**

Prior to becoming an insurance holding company in November 2002, the Company (then known as SoftNet Systems, Inc.) was a holding company principally engaged in providing Internet services. Due to difficult and deteriorating conditions in that market, the Company wound down those businesses.

The operating results of these discontinued operations have been segregated from continuing operations and are reported as a loss from discontinued operations on the Consolidated Statements of Operations. Although it is difficult to predict the final results, the loss on disposition from discontinued operations includes management's estimates of costs to wind down the business and costs to settle its outstanding liabilities. The actual results could differ from these estimates. The estimated loss on disposition reserve of all discontinued operations is reflected in net liabilities associated with discontinued operations in the accompanying

Consolidated Balance Sheets. The cash flows used in discontinued operations are presented separately in the operating activities section of the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. There were no cash flows associated with investing and financing activities for the years presented for discontinued operations.

## Employees

The Company and its subsidiaries, collectively, had 59 employees as of December 31, 2008.

### Item 1A. Risk Factors

*The risks and uncertainties described below are not the only ones that we face, but are those that we have identified as being the most significant factors that make investment in our stock speculative or risky or that have special application to us. Additional risks and uncertainties that we do not know about, or that we deem less significant than those identified below, may also make investment in our stock speculative or risky. If any of the adverse events associated with the risks described below occurs, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected. In such a case, the trading price of our stock could decline.*

**Our investment portfolio is subject to various risks that may result in realized investment losses. In particular, decreases in the fair value of fixed maturities may greatly reduce the value of our investments, and as a result, our financial condition may suffer.**

We are subject to credit risk in our investment portfolio. Defaults by third parties in the payment or performance of their obligations under these securities could reduce our investment income and realized investment gains or result in the continued recognition of investment losses. The value of our investments may be materially adversely affected by increases in interest rates, downgrades in the preferred stocks and bonds included in our portfolio and by other factors that may result in the continued recognition of other-than-temporary impairments. Each of these events may cause us to reduce the carrying value of our investment portfolio.

In particular, at December 31, 2008, fixed maturities represented \$45.9 million or 87% of our total investments of \$52.8 million. The fair market value of fixed maturities and the related investment income fluctuates depending on general economic and market conditions. The fair market value of these investments generally increases or decreases in an inverse relationship with fluctuations in interest rates, while net investment income realized by us will generally increase or decrease in line with changes in market interest rates. In addition, actual net investment income and/or cash flows from investments that carry prepayment risk, such as mortgage-backed securities, may differ from those anticipated at the time of investment as a result of interest rate fluctuations. An investment has prepayment risk when there is a risk that the timing of cash flows that result from the repayment of principal might occur earlier than anticipated because of declining interest rates or later than anticipated because of rising interest rates. For mortgage-backed securities, credit risk exists if mortgagees default on the underlying mortgages. Although at December 31, 2008, approximately 99.6% of the fixed maturities were investment grade, all of our fixed maturities are subject to credit risk. If any of the issuers of our fixed maturities suffer financial setbacks, the ratings on the fixed maturities could fall (with a concurrent fall in fair value) and, in a worst case scenario, the issuer could default on its financial obligations. If the issuer defaults, we could have realized losses associated with the impairment of the securities.

The impact of market value fluctuations affects our Consolidated Financial Statements. Because all of our fixed maturities are classified as available for sale, changes in the fair market value of our securities are reflected in our stockholders' equity (accumulated other comprehensive income or loss). No similar adjustment is made for liabilities to reflect a change in interest rates. Therefore, interest rate fluctuations and economic conditions could adversely affect our stockholders' equity, total comprehensive income and/or cash flows.

We regularly monitor our investment portfolio to ensure that investments that are other-than-temporarily impaired are identified in a timely fashion, properly valued and any impairment is charged against earnings in the proper period. Assessment factors include, but are not limited to, the length of time and the extent to which the market value has been less than cost, the financial condition and rating of the issuer, whether any collateral is held and our intent and ability to retain the investment for a period of time sufficient to allow for recovery. However, the determination that a security has incurred an other-than-temporary decline in value requires the

judgment of management. Inherently, there are risks and uncertainties involved in making these judgments. Therefore, changes in facts and circumstances and critical assumptions could result in management's decision that further impairments have occurred. This could lead to additional losses on investments, particularly those that management has the intent and ability to hold until recovery in value occurs.

**Our earnings could be materially affected by an impairment of goodwill.**

Goodwill represented \$23.6 million of our \$130.6 million in total assets as of December 31, 2008. We review our goodwill annually for impairment or more frequently if indicators of impairment exist. We regularly assess whether any indicators of impairment exist, which requires a significant amount of judgment. Such indicators may include: a sustained significant decline in our share price and market capitalization; a decline in our expected future cash flows; a significant adverse change in the business climate; and/or slower growth rates, among others. Any adverse change in one of these factors could have a significant impact on the recoverability of these assets and could have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements. During 2008, we experienced a significant decline in our stock price. Due to this significant decline, our market capitalization as of December 31, 2008 was significantly below our fair value. If we experience a sustained decline in our results of operations and cash flows, or other indicators of impairment exist, we may incur a material non-cash charge to earnings relating to impairment of our goodwill, which could have a material adverse effect on our results.

**Changes in state and federal regulations, or the application thereof, may adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.**

Congress and state legislatures continue to focus on health care issues. In addition, the 2008 elections resulted in a renewed focus on health care and health insurance, and several key legislators and some of the newly appointed and elected officials, including in the executive branch, have proposed significant changes to the existing system. Potential reforms include, but are not limited to: mandating universal coverage; imposing more restrictive regulation of the underwriting and marketing of health insurance; making generally available a government-sponsored health plan as an alternative to private insurance; and changing the federal income tax laws relating to the deductibility of health insurance premiums. A number of states are contemplating significant reform of their health insurance markets. These proposals include provisions affecting both public programs and privately financed health insurance arrangements. We cannot assure you that, if enacted into law, any of these proposals would not have a material, adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition.

Less-fundamental change in the regulatory requirements imposed on us may also harm our business or results of operations. For example, some states have imposed time limits for the payment of uncontested covered claims and required health care and dental service plans to pay interest on uncontested claims not paid promptly within the required time period. Some states have also granted their insurance regulatory agencies additional authority to impose monetary penalties and other sanctions on health and dental plans engaging in certain unfair payment practices. If we were unable, for any reason, to comply with these requirements, it could result in substantial costs to us and could materially adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

**If rating agencies downgrade our insurance company, our results of operations and competitive position in the industry may suffer.**

Ratings have become an increasingly important factor in establishing the competitive position of insurance companies. Independence American is rated A- (Excellent) by A.M. Best, whose ratings reflect its opinions of an insurance company's financial strength, operating performance, strategic position, and ability to meet its obligations to policyholders and are not evaluations directed to investors. The rating of Independence American is subject to periodic review by A.M. Best. If A.M. Best were to reduce Independence American's ratings from current levels, our business would be adversely affected.

**Given the current economic and political climates, our stock may be increasingly subject to stock price and trading volume volatility. The price of our common stock could fluctuate or decline significantly and you could lose all or part of your investment.**

During 2008, the stock markets experienced significant price and trading volume volatility. Company-specific issues and market developments generally in the insurance industry and in the regulatory environment may have caused this volatility. Our stock price declined significantly during 2008 and may continue to materially fluctuate in 2009 in response to a number of events and factors, including: quarterly variations in our reported results; operating and stock price performance of other companies that investors may deem comparable; sales of stock by insiders; and changes in our financial strength ratings. These factors could materially reduce our stock price. In addition, broad market and industry fluctuations may materially and adversely affect the trading price of our common stock, regardless of our actual operating performance.

**Our loss reserves are based on an estimate of our future liability, and if actual claims prove to be greater than our reserves, our results of operations and financial condition may be adversely affected.**

We maintain loss reserves to cover our estimated liability for unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses where material, including legal and other fees, and costs not associated with specific claims but related to the claims payment functions for reported and unreported claims incurred as of the end of each accounting period. Because setting reserves is inherently uncertain, we cannot be sure that current reserves will prove adequate. If our reserves are insufficient to cover our actual losses and loss adjustment expenses, we would have to augment our reserves and incur a charge to our earnings, and these charges could be material. Reserves do not represent an exact calculation of liability. Rather, reserves represent an estimate of what we expect the ultimate settlement and administration of claims will cost. These estimates, which generally involve actuarial projections, are based on our assessment of known facts and circumstances. Many factors could affect these reserves, including economic and social conditions, frequency and severity of claims, medical trend resulting from the influences of underlying cost inflation, changes in utilization and demand for medical services, and changes in doctrines of legal liability and damage awards in litigation. Many of these items are not directly quantifiable in advance. Additionally, there may be a significant reporting lag between the occurrence of the insured event and the time it is reported to us. The inherent uncertainties of estimating reserves are greater for certain types of liabilities, particularly those in which the various considerations affecting the type of claim are subject to change and in which long periods of time may elapse before a definitive determination of liability is made. Reserve estimates are continually refined in a regular and ongoing process as experience develops and further claims are reported and settled, and are reflected in the results of the periods in which such estimates are changed.

**Our results may fluctuate as a result of factors generally affecting the insurance and reinsurance industry.**

The results of companies in the insurance and reinsurance industry historically have been subject to significant fluctuations and uncertainties. Factors that affect the industry in general could also cause our results to fluctuate. The industry and our financial condition and results of operations may be affected significantly by:

- Fluctuations in interest rates, inflationary pressures and other changes in the investment environment, which affect returns on invested capital;
- Rising levels of actual costs that are not known by companies at the time they price their products;
- Losses related to epidemics, terrorist activities, random acts of violence or declared or undeclared war;
- Changes in reserves resulting from different types of claims that may arise and the development of judicial interpretations relating to the scope of insurers' liability;
- The overall level of economic activity and the competitive environment in the industry;
- Greater than expected use of health care services by members;
- New mandated benefits or other regulatory changes that change the scope of business or increase our costs; and
- Failure of MGUs to adhere to underwriting guidelines as required by us in its MGU agreements.

The occurrence of any or a combination of these factors, which is beyond our control, could have a material adverse effect on our results.

**The stock transfer restriction in our certificate of incorporation may not protect against adverse tax consequences.**

Although the stock transfer restrictions contained in our certificate of incorporation are intended to reduce the likelihood of an ownership change, it will not prevent all transfers that might result in an "ownership change." Furthermore, certain changes in relationships and other events not addressed by the stock transfer restrictions could cause us to undergo an "ownership change." Section 382 of the Code is an extremely complex provision with respect to which there are many uncertainties. In addition, we have not requested a ruling from the IRS regarding the effectiveness of the stock transfer restrictions and, therefore, we cannot be certain that the IRS will agree that the stock transfer restrictions are effective for purposes of Section 382 of the Code. Further, we cannot assure that the stock transfer restrictions or portions thereof will be enforceable in Delaware courts or that the IRS would agree that all of our tax net operating loss carryforwards are allowable. In addition, our board of directors may determine, in its sole discretion, to permit a restricted transfer that results in an "ownership change" if it determines that such transfer is in our best interests. Therefore, the stock transfer restrictions were to reduce, but not necessarily eliminate, the risk that Section 382 of the Code will cause limitations on the use of our tax attributes.

**Our inability to assess underwriting risk accurately could reduce our net income.**

Our success is dependent on our ability to assess accurately the risks associated with the businesses on which we retain risk. If we fail to assess accurately the risks we retain, we may fail to establish the appropriate premium rates and our reserves may be inadequate to cover our losses, requiring augmentation of the reserves, which in turn would reduce our net income.

Our agreements with our producers (including our MGUs) require that each producer follow underwriting guidelines published by us and amended from time to time. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in termination or modification of the agreement. We perform periodic audits to confirm adherence to the guidelines, but it is possible that we would not detect a breach in the guidelines for some time after the infraction, which could result in a material impact on the Net Loss Ratio (defined as insurance benefits, claims and reserves divided by (premiums earned less underwriting expenses)) for that producer and could have an adverse impact on our operating results.

**If we fail to comply with extensive state and federal regulations, we will be subject to penalties, which may include fines and suspension and which may adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.**

We are subject to extensive governmental regulation and supervision. Most insurance regulations are designed to protect the interests of policyholders rather than stockholders and other investors. This regulation, generally administered by a department of insurance in each state in which we do business, relates to, among other things:

- Approval of policy forms and premium rates;
- Standards of solvency, including risk-based capital measurements, which are a measure developed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and used by state insurance regulators to identify insurance companies that potentially are inadequately capitalized;
- Licensing of insurers and their agents and regulation of their conduct in the market;
- Restrictions on the nature, quality and concentration of investments;
- Restrictions on transactions between insurance companies and their affiliates;
- Restrictions on the size of risks insurable under a single policy;
- Requiring deposits for the benefit of policyholders;
- Requiring certain methods of accounting;
- Prescribing the form and content of records of financial condition required to be filed; and
- Requiring reserves for unearned premium, losses and other purposes.

State insurance departments also conduct periodic examinations of the affairs of insurance companies and require the filing of annual and other reports relating to the financial condition of insurance companies, holding company issues and other matters.

A large portion of our business depends on our compliance with applicable laws and regulations and our ability to maintain valid licenses and approvals for our operations. Regulatory authorities have broad discretion to grant, renew, or revoke licenses and approvals. Regulatory authorities may deny or revoke licenses for various reasons, including the violation of regulations. In some instances, we follow practices based on our interpretations of regulations, or interpretations that we believe to be generally followed by the industry, which may be different from the requirements or interpretations of regulatory authorities. If we do not have the requisite licenses and approvals and do not comply with applicable regulatory requirements, the insurance regulatory authorities could preclude or temporarily suspend us from carrying on some or all of our insurance-related activities or otherwise penalize us. That type of action could have a material adverse effect on our business. Also, changes in the level of regulation of the insurance industry (whether federal, state or foreign), or changes in laws or regulations themselves or interpretations by regulatory authorities, could have a material adverse effect on our business.

**We may be unsuccessful in competing against larger or better-established business rivals.**

Our industry is highly competitive and has experienced severe price competition from time to time over the last several years. We face competition from domestic and international insurance and reinsurance companies, from underwriting agencies, and from diversified financial services companies that are much larger than we are. Some of these competitors have greater financial, marketing and other resources, have been operating longer than we have and have established long-term and continuing business relationships through the industry, which can be a significant competitive advantage. In addition to competition in the operation of its business, we face competition from a variety of sources in attracting and retaining qualified employees. We cannot assure that we will maintain our current competitive position in the markets in which we operate, or that we will be able to expand our operations into new markets and compete effectively in the future. If we fail to do so, our business could be materially adversely affected.

**The occurrence of various events may adversely affect our ability to utilize fully our NOL carryforwards.**

We have U.S. federal NOL carryforwards of approximately \$276 million, which may be used against any profits from our business. However, events outside of our or IHC's control, such as certain acquisitions and dispositions of our common stock, may limit the use of all or a portion of our NOL carryforwards. If such events were to occur, our expectation of using our NOL carryforwards against potential profits would not be realized and we could potentially have a higher tax liability in the future than we would otherwise have had. As the NOL carryforwards are utilized by AMIC, the amount of our NOL carryforwards could be reduced upon audit by the IRS for those tax years open for assessment under the statute of limitations.

**We rely on reinsurance arrangements to help manage our business risks, and failure to perform by the counterparties to our reinsurance arrangements may expose us to risks we had sought to mitigate.**

We utilize reinsurance to mitigate our risks in various circumstances. Reinsurance does not relieve us of our direct liability to our policyholders, even when the reinsurer is liable to us. Accordingly, we bear credit risk with respect to our reinsurers. Our reinsurers may be unable or unwilling to pay the reinsurance recoverable owed to us now or in the future or on a timely basis. A reinsurer's insolvency, inability or unwillingness to make payments under the terms of its reinsurance agreement with us could have an adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

**Failure to protect our policyholder's confidential information and privacy could adversely affect our business.**

In the conduct of our business, we are subject to privacy regulations and to confidentiality obligations. For example, the collection and use of patient data in our health insurance operations is the subject of national and state legislation, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, or HIPAA, and

certain other activities we conduct are subject to the privacy regulations of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act. We also have contractual obligations to protect certain confidential information we obtain from our existing vendors, partners and policyholders. These obligations generally include protecting such confidential information in the same manner and to the same extent as we protect our own confidential information. If we do not properly comply with privacy regulations and protect confidential information, we could experience adverse consequences, including regulatory sanctions, such as penalties, fines and loss of license, as well as loss of reputation and possible litigation.

### **Certain of our business arrangements are terminable by other parties**

Independence American currently reinsures 20% of Standard Security Life's short-term statutory disability benefit product, but Standard Security Life is not contractually obligated to continue to cede this business to Independence American after termination of the current treaty year. Standard Security Life and Madison National Life also ceded approximately 8.9% of the majority of their fully insured health business to Independence American. Standard Security Life and Madison National Life are not contractually obligated to continue to cede this business to Independence American after termination of the current treaty years. Standard Security Life and Madison National Life ceded approximately 23%, on average, of their medical stop-loss business to Independence American in 2008, however, they are not contractually obligated to cede amounts in excess of 15%. Our MGUs are the largest producers of medical stop-loss business for IHC, controlling a majority of this premium in 2008.

### **Item 1B. *Unresolved Staff Comments***

None

### **Item 2. *Properties***

IndependenceCare leases 4,200 square feet of office space in Minneapolis, Minnesota, which expires on May 31, 2011. RAS leases 4,200 square feet of office space in South Windsor, Connecticut, which expires on January 31, 2012. Marlton leases 4,000 square feet of office space in Voorhees, New Jersey, which expires on January 31, 2010. ECA leases 2,000 square feet of office space in Voorhees, New Jersey, which expires on January 31, 2010.

### **Item 3. *Legal Proceedings***

We are involved in legal proceedings and claims that arise in the ordinary course of our businesses. We have established reserves that we believe are sufficient given information presently available relating to our outstanding legal proceedings and claims. We do not anticipate that the result of any pending legal proceeding or claim will have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or cash flows, although there could be such an effect on our results of operations for any particular period.

### **Item 4. *Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders***

There were no matters submitted to a vote of security holders during the fourth quarter of 2008.

## PART II

### Item 5. *Market for the Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters And Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities*

#### Market Information

Since November 15, 2002, American Independence Corp. ("AMIC or the "Company") common stock has been listed and traded on the NASDAQ Stock Market ("NASDAQ") under the symbol "AMIC".

Quarter Ended:	High	Low
December 31, 2008	\$ 6.79	\$ 2.01
September 30, 2008	\$ 6.96	\$ 5.69
June 30, 2008	\$ 8.22	\$ 6.19
March 31, 2008	\$ 9.25	\$ 7.02

Quarter Ended:	High	Low
December 31, 2007	\$ 10.41	\$ 8.50
September 30, 2007	\$ 11.44	\$ 10.10
June 30, 2007	\$ 12.73	\$ 10.00
March 31, 2007	\$ 11.13	\$ 10.11

#### Holder of Record

At March 4, 2009, there were 346 record holders of the Company's common stock. The closing price for the Company's common stock at December 31, 2008 was \$2.73.

Our ability to utilize our federal NOL carryforwards would be substantially reduced if AMIC were to undergo an "ownership change" within the meaning of Section 382(g)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code. AMIC will be treated as having had an "ownership change" if there is more than a 50% increase in stock ownership during a three year "testing period" by "5% stockholders". In order to reduce the risk of an ownership change, in November 2002, AMIC's stockholders approved an amendment to its certificate of incorporation restricting transfers of shares of its common stock that could result in the imposition of limitations on the use, for federal, state and city income tax purposes, of AMIC's NOL carryforwards and certain federal income tax credits. The certificate of incorporation generally restricts any person from attempting to sell, transfer or dispose, or purchase or acquire any AMIC stock, if such transfer would affect the percentage of AMIC stock owned by a 5% stockholder. Any person attempting such a transfer will be required, prior to the date of any proposed transfer, to request in writing that the board of directors review the proposed transfer and authorize or not authorize such proposed transfer. Any attempted transfer made in violation of the stock transfer restrictions will be null and void. In the event of an attempted or purported transfer involving a sale or disposition of capital stock in violation of stock transfer restrictions, the transferor will remain the owner of such shares. Notwithstanding these transfer restrictions, there could be circumstances under which an issuance by AMIC of a significant number of new shares of common stock or other new class of equity security having certain characteristics (for example, the right to vote or convert into common stock) might result in an ownership change under the Code.

#### Dividends

The Company does not have any legal restriction on paying dividends, and no dividend on the Company's stock was declared during 2008.

#### Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans

The information under the heading "Equity Compensation Plan Information" in the Company's definitive proxy statement for the 2009 annual meeting of stockholders is incorporated herein by reference.

## Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

The Company did not repurchase any of its outstanding equity securities during the quarter ended December 31, 2008.

### Item 6. Selected Financial Data

Not applicable

### Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

#### Overview

We are an insurance holding company engaged in the insurance and reinsurance business through our wholly owned insurance company, Independence American Insurance Company ("Independence American"), our marketing organizations, including our three medical stop-loss managing general underwriter subsidiaries ("our MGUs"), our two insurance and marketing agencies IPA and HIO, and our claims administration company, ECA. Since November 2002, AMIC has been affiliated with Independence Holding Company ("IHC"), which currently owns 49.7% of AMIC's stock, and IHC's senior management has provided direction to us through service agreements between us and IHC. In 2008, Independence American's primary source of revenue was reinsurance premiums. The majority of these premiums are ceded to Independence American from IHC under long-term reinsurance treaties to cede its gross medical stop-loss premiums written to Independence American. In addition, Independence American assumes fully insured health and short-term statutory disability benefit product in New York State ("DBL") premiums from IHC, and assumes medical stop-loss premiums from unaffiliated carriers. Independence American began writing group major medical, medical stop-loss, major medical plans for individuals and families, and short-term medical in 2007. Given its A- (Excellent) rating from A.M. Best, Independence American expects to expand the distribution of its medical stop-loss products, and increase the business written on its paper, especially major medical plans for individuals and families.

While management considers a wide range of factors in its strategic planning, the overriding consideration is underwriting profitability. Management's assessment of trends in healthcare and in the medical stop-loss market play a significant role in determining whether to expand Independence American's health insurance premiums. Since Independence American reinsures a portion of all of the business produced by our MGUs, and since these companies are also eligible to earn profit sharing commissions based on the profitability of the business they place, our MGUs also emphasize underwriting profitability. In addition, management focuses on controlling operating costs. By sharing employees with IHC and sharing resources among our subsidiaries, we strive to maximize our earnings.

The following is a summary of key performance information and events:

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2008	2007
Revenues	\$ 113,312	\$ 119,096
Expenses	111,641	117,267
Income from continuing operations, before income tax	1,671	1,829
Provision for income taxes	631	691
Income from continuing operations	1,040	1,138
Loss on disposition of discontinued operations, net of tax	(75)	-
Net income	\$ 965	\$ 1,138

- Net income per share decreased to \$.11 per share, diluted, or \$1.0 million, for the year ended December 31, 2008, compared to \$.13 per share, diluted, or \$1.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2007.

- The book value of the Company decreased to \$9.75 per share at December 31, 2008 compared to \$9.96 per share at December 31, 2007, primarily due to the unrealized losses on the Company's investment portfolio.
- Of the aggregate carrying value of the Company's investment assets, approximately 94.0% was invested in investment grade fixed maturities, securities purchased under resale agreements, and cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2008. Also at such date, 99.6% of the Company's fixed maturities were investment grade.
- The return on investments of the Company was 5.3% and 5.4% for the year ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.
- Premiums earned decreased 9% to \$97.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2008 from \$106.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2007, primarily due to a decrease in stop-loss and fully insured health premiums assumed from IHC, offset by an increase in direct fully insured health premiums and the additional premiums written by IPA (see Note 3 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements).
- For the year ended December 31, 2008, Independence American wrote \$5.2 million of medical stop-loss business and \$22.4 million of group major medical business pursuant to the Company's agreement with EDH.
- For the year ended December 31, 2008, Independence American wrote \$4.3 million of individual health business produced by our marketing organization IPA, and ceded 50% to a third-party reinsurer.
- Underwriting experience, as indicated by its GAAP Combined Ratios on our three lines of business for the year ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 are as follows:

- Medical Stop Loss

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
	(in thousands)	
Premiums Earned	\$ 54,574	\$ 63,483
Insurance Benefits Claims and Reserves	37,838	47,567
Expenses	17,105	18,793
Loss Ratio <sup>(A)</sup>	69.3%	74.9%
Expense Ratio <sup>(B)</sup>	<u>31.3%</u>	<u>29.6%</u>
Combined Ratio <sup>(C)</sup>	<u><u>100.6%</u></u>	<u><u>104.5%</u></u>

- Fully Insured Health

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
	(in thousands)	
Premiums Earned	\$ 38,975	\$ 39,136
Insurance Benefits Claims and Reserves	30,370	28,830
Expenses	8,932	9,631
Loss Ratio <sup>(A)</sup>	77.9%	73.7%
Expense Ratio <sup>(B)</sup>	<u>22.9%</u>	<u>24.6%</u>
Combined Ratio <sup>(C)</sup>	<u><u>100.8%</u></u>	<u><u>98.3%</u></u>

- DBL

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
	(in thousands)	
Premiums Earned	\$ 3,435	\$ 3,481
Insurance Benefits Claims and Reserves Expenses	1,906	2,221
	999	1,044
Loss Ratio <sup>(A)</sup>	55.5%	63.8%
Expense Ratio <sup>(B)</sup>	<u>29.1%</u>	<u>30.0%</u>
Combined Ratio <sup>(C)</sup>	<u>84.6%</u>	<u>93.8%</u>

(A) Loss ratio represents insurance benefits claims and reserves divided by premiums earned.

(B) Expense ratio represents net commissions (including profit commissions), administrative fees, premium taxes and other underwriting expenses divided by premiums earned.

(C) The combined ratio is equal to the sum of the loss ratio and the expense ratio.

- In 2008, our MGUs and Agencies generated revenues of \$15.0 million compared to \$9.8 million in 2007, an increase of 53%, primarily due to income earned by HIO, IPA, and higher profit commissions, offset by lower fee income due to the lower volume of premium underwritten.
- In 2008, our MGUs wrote an aggregate of \$73.3 million of annualized gross premium compared to \$87.2 million in 2007. This reduction in premiums was due, in part, to stricter underwriting guidelines and the continuing generally "soft" market.
- The Company formed Excess Claims Administrators, Inc. ("ECA") during 2008 to provide medical management services and adjudicate claims for our MGUs and independent managing general underwriters.
- On April 1, 2008, the Company purchased the remaining 20% interest in Marlton, thereby increasing our interest in this medical stop-loss MGU to 100% (see Note 3 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements).
- On April 15, 2008, the Company acquired a 51% interest in IPA (see Note 3 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements).

### **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting and reporting policies of the Company conform to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). The preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements in conformity with GAAP requires the Company's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates. A summary of the Company's significant accounting policies and practices is provided in Note 1 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8. Management has identified the accounting policies described below as those that, due to the judgments, estimates and assumptions inherent in those policies, are critical to an understanding of the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements and this Management's Discussion and Analysis.

#### ***Insurance Reserves***

The Company maintains loss reserves to cover its estimated liability for unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses, where material, including legal and other fees, for reported and unreported claims incurred as of the end of each accounting period. These loss reserves are based on actuarial assumptions and are

maintained at levels that are estimated in accordance with GAAP. The Company's estimate of loss reserves represents management's best estimate of the Company's liability at the balance sheet date.

All of the Company's policies are short-duration and are accounted for based on actuarial estimates of the amount of loss inherent in that period's claims or open claims from prior periods, including losses incurred for claims that have not been reported ("IBNR"). Short-duration contract loss estimates rely on actuarial observations of ultimate loss experience for similar historical events.

Management believes that the Company's methods of estimating the liabilities for insurance reserves provided appropriate levels of reserves at December 31, 2008. Changes in the Company's reserve estimates are recorded through a charge or credit to its earnings.

### **Medical Stop-Loss**

The Company's medical stop-loss business is comprised of employer stop-loss and HMO Reinsurance. The two "primary" or "key" assumptions underlying the calculation of loss reserves for medical stop-loss business are (i) projected net loss ratio, and (ii) claim development patterns. The projected net loss ratio is set at expected levels consistent with the underlying assumptions ("Projected Net Loss Ratio"). Claim development patterns are set quarterly as reserve estimates are developed and are based on recent claim development history ("Claim Development Patterns"). The Company uses the Projected Net Loss Ratio to establish reserves until developing losses provide a better indication of ultimate results and it is feasible to set reserves based on Claim Development Patterns. The Company has concluded that a reasonably likely change in the Projected Net Loss Ratio assumption could have a material effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations, or liquidity ("Material Effect") but a reasonably likely change in the Claim Development Pattern would not have a Material Effect.

#### *Projected Net Loss Ratio*

Generally, during the first twelve months of an underwriting year, reserves for medical stop-loss are first set at the Projected Net Loss Ratio, which is determined using assumptions developed using completed prior experience trended forward. The Projected Net Loss Ratio is the Company's best estimate of future performance until such time as developing losses provide a better indication of ultimate results.

While the Company establishes a best estimate of the Projected Net Loss Ratio, actual experience may deviate from this estimate. This was the case with the 2005, 2006 and 2007 underwriting years that increased (decreased) by 8.0, 9.6, and (2.0) Net Loss Ratio points, respectively. While the Company believes that larger variations are possible, based on the Company's experience to date, it is reasonably likely that the actual experience will fall within a range up to five Net Loss Ratio points above or below the expected Projected Net Loss Ratio for 2008 at December 31, 2008. The impact of these reasonably likely changes at December 31, 2008, would be an increase in net reserves (in the case of a higher ratio) or a decrease in net reserves (in the case of a lower ratio) of up to approximately \$1.2 million with a corresponding increase or decrease in the pre-tax expense for insurance benefits, claims and reserves in the 2008 Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Major factors that affect the Projected Net Loss Ratio assumption in reserving for medical stop-loss relate to: (i) frequency and severity of claims; (ii) changes in medical trend resulting from the influences of underlying cost inflation, changes in utilization and demand for medical services, the impact of new medical technology and changes in medical treatment protocols; and (iii) the adherence by the MGUs that produce and administer this business to applicable underwriting guidelines. Changes in these underlying factors are what determine the reasonably likely changes in the Projected Net Loss Ratio as discussed above.

#### *Claim Development Patterns*

Subsequent to the first twelve months of an underwriting year, the Company's developing losses provide a better indication of ultimate losses. At this point, claims have developed to a level where Claim Development Patterns can be applied to generate reasonably reliable estimates of ultimate claim levels. Development factors based on historical patterns are applied to paid and reported claims to estimate fully developed claims. Claim

Development Patterns are reviewed quarterly as reserve estimates are developed and are based on recent claim development history. The Company must determine whether changes in development represent true indications of emerging experience or are simply due to random claim fluctuations.

The Company also establishes its best estimates of claim development factors to be applied to more developed treaty year experience. While these factors are based on historical Claim Development Patterns, actual claim development may vary from these estimates. The Company does not believe that reasonably likely changes in its actual claim development patterns would have a Material Effect.

Predicting ultimate claims and estimating reserves in medical stop-loss is more complex than fully insured medical and disability business due to the “excess of loss” nature of these products with very high deductibles applying to specific claims on any individual claimant and in the aggregate for a given group. The level of these deductibles makes it more difficult to predict the amount and payment pattern of such claims. Fluctuations in results for specific coverage are primarily due to the severity and frequency of individual claims, whereas fluctuations in aggregate coverage are largely attributable to frequency of underlying claims rather than severity. Liabilities for first dollar medical reserves and disability coverages are computed using completion factors and expected loss ratios derived from actual historical premium and claim data.

Due to the short-term nature of medical stop-loss, redundancies or deficiencies will typically emerge during the course of the following year rather than over a number of years. For Employer Stop-Loss, as noted above, the Company maintains its reserves based on underlying assumptions until it determines that an adjustment is appropriate based on emerging experience from all of its MGUs for prior underwriting years. Reserves for HMO Reinsurance are adjusted on a policy by policy basis. Because of the small number of HMO Reinsurance policies it writes, the Company is able to evaluate each policy individually for potential liability by reviewing open claims with each HMO and applying completion factors using historical data.

### **Fully Insured Health**

Reserves for fully insured medical and dental business are established using historical claim development patterns. Claim development by number of months elapsed from the incurred month is studied each month and development factors are calculated. These claim development factors are then applied to the amount of claims paid to date for each incurred month to estimate fully complete claims. The difference between fully complete claims and the claims paid to date is the estimated reserve. Total reserves are the sum of the reserves for all incurred months.

The primary assumption in the determination of fully insured health reserves is that historical claim development patterns are representative of future claim development patterns. Factors which may affect this assumption include changes in claim payment processing times and procedures, changes in product design, changes in time delay in submission of claims and the incidence of unusually large claims. The reserving analysis includes a review of claim processing statistical measures and large claim early notifications; the potential impact of any changes in these factors are minimal. The time delay in submission of claims tends to be stable over time and not subject to significant volatility. Since our analysis considered a variety of outcomes related to these factors, the Company does not believe that any reasonably likely change in these factors will have a Material Effect.

### ***Premium and MGU Fee Income Revenue Recognition***

Direct and assumed premiums from short-duration contracts are recognized as revenue over the period of the contracts in proportion to the amount of insurance protection provided. The Company records MGU fee income as policy premium payments are earned. Our MGUs are compensated in two ways. They earn fee income based on the volume of business produced, and collect profit-sharing commissions if such business exceeds certain profitability benchmarks. Profit-sharing commissions are accounted for beginning in the period in which the Company believes they are reasonably estimable, which is typically at the point that claims have developed to a level where Claim Development Patterns can be applied to generate reasonably reliable estimates of ultimate claim levels.

## **Reinsurance**

Amounts recoverable or paid for under reinsurance contracts are included in total assets or total liabilities as due from reinsurers or due to reinsurers. In 2008, Independence American derived most of its business from pro rata quota share reinsurance treaties with Standard Security Life and Madison National Life, which are wholly owned subsidiaries of IHC. These treaties terminate on December 31, 2014, unless terminated sooner by Independence American. Standard Security Life and Madison National Life must cede at least 15% of their medical stop-loss business to Independence American under these treaties. Additionally, Standard Security Life, Madison National Life and Independence American have received regulatory approval to cede up to 30% to Independence American under most of IHC's medical stop-loss programs. For each of the twelve months ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, Standard Security Life and Madison National Life ceded an average of approximately 23% of their medical stop-loss business to Independence American. Independence American reinsures 20% of Standard Security Life's DBL business. Standard Security Life and Madison National Life also ceded approximately 8.9% of the majority of their fully insured health business to Independence American. In addition, in 2008, Independence American ceded 50% of its short-term medical ("STM") and major medical for individuals and families business to unaffiliated reinsurers.

## **Income Taxes**

In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during the period in which those temporary differences become deductible. Management considers the scheduled reversal of deferred tax liabilities, projected future taxable income, and tax planning strategies in making this assessment. Management believes that although sufficient uncertainty exists regarding the future realization of deferred tax assets, the valuation allowance has been adjusted to account for the expected utilization of net operating losses against future taxable income.

The Company has net operating loss carryforwards for federal income tax purposes available to reduce future income subject to income taxes. The net operating loss carryforwards expire between 2019 and 2028.

U.S. Federal and California tax laws impose substantial restrictions on the utilization of net operating loss and credit carryforwards in the event of an "ownership change" for tax purposes, as defined in Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code.

## **Investments**

The Company accounts for its investments in debt and equity securities under SFAS No. 115 ("SFAS 115"), Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities. The Company has classified all of its investments as available-for-sale or trading securities. These investments are carried at fair value with unrealized gains and losses reported in either accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) in the Consolidated Balance Sheets for available-for-sale securities or as unrealized gains or losses in the Consolidated Statements of Operations for trading securities. Fixed maturities and equity securities available-for-sale totaled \$48.9 million and \$49.4 million at December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Premiums and discounts on debt securities purchased at other than par value are amortized and accreted, respectively, to interest income in the Consolidated Statements of Operations, using the constant yield method over the period to maturity. Net realized gains and losses on investments are computed using the specific identification method and are reported in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

The Company reviews its investment securities regularly and determines whether other than temporary impairments have occurred. If a decline in fair value is judged by management to be other than temporary, a loss is recognized by a charge to net realized investment gains in the Consolidated Statements of Operations, establishing a new cost basis for the security. The factors considered by management in its regular review include, but are not limited to: the length of time and extent to which the fair value has been less than cost; the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer; adverse changes in ratings announced by one or more rating agencies; whether the issuer of a debt security has remained current on principal and interest payments;

current expected cash flows; whether the decline in fair value appears to be issuer specific or, alternatively, a reflection of general market or industry conditions (including, in the case of fixed maturities, the effect of changes in market interest rates); and the Company's intent and ability to hold the security for a period of time sufficient to allow for a recovery in fair value. For the twelve months ended December 31, 2008, the Company recorded a loss of \$1.0 million for other-than-temporary impairments from bonds and preferred stocks.

At December 31, 2008, the Company had \$1.9 million invested in whole loan CMOs backed by Alt-A mortgages. Of this amount, 46.3% were in CMOs that originated in 2005 or earlier and 53.7% were in CMOs that originated in 2006. The Company's mortgage security portfolio has no direct exposure to sub-prime mortgages. The unrealized loss for the equity securities was primarily due to wider spreads for preferred stocks issued by financial institutions following the disruption in credit markets in late 2007 and continuing in 2008. Some of these financial institutions have exposure to sub-prime mortgages. The unrealized loss for CMO securities is primarily attributable to Alt-A mortgages as described above. The unrealized losses on corporate securities are due to wider spreads. Spreads have widened as investors shifted funds to US Treasuries in response to the current market turmoil.

### ***Goodwill and Other Intangibles***

Goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives, which consist of licenses, are not amortized but are evaluated for impairment in the aggregate at the end of the fourth quarter of each year, or more frequently if indicators arise. If the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount (including goodwill), further evaluation is required to determine if a write-down of goodwill is required. Any impairment write-down of goodwill would be charged to expense. No impairment charge was required in 2008 or 2007. If the Company experiences a sustained decline in its results of operations and cash flows, or other indicators of impairment exist, the Company may incur a material non-cash charge to earnings relating to impairment of our goodwill, which could have a material adverse effect on our results.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

### Results of Operations for the Year Ended December 31, 2008, Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2007

Information by line of business for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 is as follows:

<u>December 31,</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Premiums</u> <u>Earned</u>	<u>Fees and</u> <u>Other</u> <u>Income</u>	<u>Net</u> <u>Investment</u> <u>Income</u>	<u>Benefits,</u> <u>Claims</u> <u>and</u> <u>Reserves</u> <u>(In thousands)</u>	<u>Selling,</u> <u>General</u> <u>and</u> <u>Admin</u>	<u>Amortization</u> <u>and</u> <u>Depreciation</u>	<u>Minority</u> <u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
Independence								
American:								
Medical stop-loss	\$ 54,574	197	2,273	37,838	16,958	147	-	\$ 2,101
Fully Insured								
Health	38,975	846	715	30,370	8,430	502	-	1,234
DBL	3,435	-	76	1,906	999	-	-	606
Total Independence								
American	96,984	1,043	3,064	70,114	26,387	649	-	3,941
MGU Subs and								
Agencies	-	14,590	380	-	12,448	144	471	1,907
Corporate	-	70	83	-	1,428	-	-	(1,275)
Subtotal	\$ 96,984	15,703	3,527	70,114	40,263	793	471	4,573
Net realized investment loss								
								(2,902)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes								1,671
Income taxes								(631)
Income from continuing operations								1,040
Loss on disposition of discontinued operations, net of tax								(75)
Net income								\$ 965
<u>December 31,</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Premiums</u> <u>Earned</u>	<u>Fees and</u> <u>Other</u> <u>Income</u>	<u>Net</u> <u>Investment</u> <u>Income</u>	<u>Benefits,</u> <u>Claims</u> <u>and</u> <u>Reserves</u> <u>(In thousands)</u>	<u>Selling,</u> <u>General</u> <u>and</u> <u>Admin</u>	<u>Amortization</u> <u>and</u> <u>Depreciation</u>	<u>Minority</u> <u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
Independence								
American:								
Medical stop-loss	\$ 63,483	(78)	2,416	47,567	18,646	147	-	\$ (539)
Fully Insured								
Health	39,136	(332)	566	28,830	9,129	502	-	909
DBL	3,481	-	92	2,221	1,044	-	-	308
Total Independence								
American	106,100	(410)	3,074	78,618	28,819	649	-	678
MGU Subs and								
Agencies	-	9,474	292	-	7,257	322	215	1,972
Corporate	-	-	245	-	1,387	-	-	(1,142)
Subtotal	\$ 106,100	9,064	3,611	78,618	37,463	971	215	1,508
Net realized investment gains								
								321
Income before income taxes								1,829
Income taxes								(691)
Net income								\$ 1,138

**Premiums Earned.** Premiums earned decreased 9%, or \$9,116,000, to \$96,984,000 for 2008, compared to \$106,100,000 for 2007. The Company currently has three lines of business. Premiums relating to medical stop-loss business were \$54,574,000 and \$63,483,000 for 2008 and 2007, respectively. This change is primarily due to a decrease in medical stop-loss premiums assumed by Independence American (\$9,239,000), partially offset by an increase in medical stop-loss written by Independence American (\$330,000). Premiums relating to group major medical, STM and individual health were \$38,975,000 and \$39,136,000 for 2008 and 2007,

respectively. The increase is primarily due to an increase in premiums written by Independence American, offset by a net decrease in group major medical and STM premiums assumed from IHC. Premiums relating to DBL were \$3,435,000 and \$3,481,000 for 2008 and 2007, respectively, a decrease due to a reduction in rates. For 2008, Independence American assumed 10% of IHC's STM business, 8.8% of certain of IHC's group major medical business, 20% of IHC's DBL business and approximately 23% of IHC's medical stop-loss business. There were no significant changes to these percentages from the prior year.

MGU and Agency Income. MGU and agency income increased \$5,087,000 to \$14,539,000 for 2008, compared to \$9,452,000 for 2007. MGU fee income-administration decreased \$1,319,000 to \$7,822,000 for 2008, compared to \$9,141,000 for 2007, as our MGUs have decreased their volume of business as a result of stricter underwriting guidelines. MGU fee income-profit commission increased \$779,000 to \$1,036,000 for 2008, compared to \$257,000 for 2007 as a result of more favorable loss ratios experienced at certain of our MGUs. Profit commissions for a given year are based primarily on the performance of business written during portions of the three preceding years. Therefore, profit commissions for 2008 are based on business written during portions of 2005, 2006 and 2007. In 2008, income from our Agencies consisted of commission income and other fees of \$4,716,000 from IPA and revenue of \$965,000 from HIO. In 2007, income from our Agencies consisted of revenue of \$54,000 from HIO. IPA was acquired subsequent to December 31, 2007 and ECA commenced operations in the fourth quarter of 2008.

Net Investment Income. Net investment income decreased \$84,000 to \$3,527,000 for 2008, compared to \$3,611,000 for 2007 due to lower average investible assets as a result of the Marlton and IPA acquisitions in the second quarter of 2008, and a lower return on investments. The return on investments of the Company was 5.3% and 5.4% for 2008 and 2007, respectively.

Net Realized Investment Gains (Losses). The Company recorded a net realized investment loss of \$2,902,000 for 2008, compared to a gain of \$321,000 for 2007. For 2008 and 2007, the Company recorded a loss of \$1,006,000 and \$0, respectively, for other-than-temporary impairments. The loss of \$1,006,000 for 2008 represents a loss on bonds and preferred stock that the Company determined to be other-than-temporary due to the severity of the decrease in fair values and the length of time that these securities were in a loss position. In the fourth quarter of 2008, the Company became aware of certain activities engaged in by the non-affiliate broker-dealer that managed a trading account of the Company. Accordingly, the Company recorded a \$2,006,000 loss, net of expected recoveries, in the fourth quarter of 2008 relating to assets invested with this broker-dealer. See Note 5 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information. The Company's decision as to whether to sell securities is based on management's ongoing evaluation of investment opportunities and economic market conditions, thus creating fluctuations in realized gains or losses from period to period.

Other Income (Loss). Other income was \$1,164,000 for 2008 compared to a loss of \$388,000 for 2007. Included in 2008 is income of \$1,043,000 representing a decrease in the fair value of the derivative liability relating to the agreement with Employers Direct Health, Inc. ("EDH") (see Note 19 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements). Included in 2007 is a loss of \$409,000 representing an increase in the fair value of the derivative liability relating to the agreement with EDH. The unrealized gain for 2008 reflects the probability of a lower future payment due to EDH as a result of less favorable loss ratios on this business.

Insurance Benefits, Claims and Reserves. Insurance benefits claims and reserves decreased 11%, or \$8,504,000, to \$70,114,000 for 2008, compared to \$78,618,000 for 2007. The decrease of \$8,504,000 is primarily comprised of a \$9,729,000 decrease in medical stop-loss due to a decrease in volume of business written and improved loss ratios (the Company recorded \$4,500,000 of reserve strengthening in the prior year), partially offset by a \$1,540,000 increase in fully insured health as a result of higher claims and an overestimation of a PPO discount on business from the group major medical program, and higher losses on group major medical business assumed from IHC.

Selling, General and Administrative. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$2,800,000 to \$40,263,000 for 2008, compared to \$37,463,000 for 2007. This increase is primarily due to the additional expense of IPA of \$5,540,000, which includes commissions and other general expenses of the agency, and higher underwriting expenses inclusive of administration fees of \$702,000, offset by lower commissions expense

of \$3,134,000 incurred by Independence American primarily resulting from a decrease in premiums assumed in medical stop-loss business.

Amortization and Depreciation. Amortization and depreciation expense decreased \$178,000 to \$793,000 for 2008, compared to \$971,000 for 2007. The decrease in amortization is the result of the Company fully amortizing the intangible asset associated with previous broker/TPA relationships in the prior year, offset by additional amortization expense as a result of the acquisition of the remaining 20% interest in Marlton and the acquisition of 51% of IPA (see Note 4 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements).

Minority Interest. The Company recorded minority interest expense of \$471,000 for 2008 and \$215,000 for 2007. The 2008 expense relates to the 49% minority interest in IPA, the 49% minority interest in HIO, and the 20% minority interest in Marlton for the first quarter ended March 31, 2008. The 2007 expense relates to the 20% minority interest in Marlton.

Income Taxes. The provision for income taxes decreased \$60,000 to \$631,000, an effective rate of 37.8%, for 2008, compared to \$691,000, an effective rate of 37.8%, for 2007. Net income for 2008 and 2007 includes a non-cash provision for federal income taxes of \$497,000 and \$518,000, respectively. The state tax effective rate decreased to 8.1% for 2008 from 8.4% for 2007. As compared to our MGUs, Independence American pays a nominal amount of state income tax; therefore, the Company's state tax effective rate will increase relative to a decrease in Independence American's pre-tax income. For as long as AMIC utilizes its NOL carryforwards, it will not pay any income taxes, except for federal alternative minimum taxes and state income taxes.

Gain (loss) on Discontinued Operations. Loss on discontinued operations, net of tax was \$75,000 for 2008, compared to \$0 for 2007. The loss of \$75,000 was due to the loss of rental income associated with the sublease of a property located in Livermore, California, and a re-estimation of expected expenses related to the lease (see Note 9 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements).

Net Income. The Company's net income decreased 15% to \$965,000, or \$.11 per share, diluted, for 2008, compared to \$1,138,000, or \$.13 per share, diluted, for 2007.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

### Independence American

Independence American principally derives cash flow from: (i) operations; (ii) the receipt of scheduled principal payments on its portfolio of fixed income securities; and (iii) earnings on investments and other investing activities. Such cash flow is partially used to finance liabilities for insurance policy benefits and reinsurance obligations.

### Corporate

Corporate derives cash flow funds principally from dividends and tax payments from its subsidiaries and investment income from corporate liquidity. Other than Independence American, there are no regulatory constraints on the ability of any of our subsidiaries to pay dividends to its parent company. Delaware insurance laws and regulations govern the ability of Independence American to pay dividends to its parent company. For the twelve months ended December 31, 2008, our MGUs and agencies paid \$3,025,000 in dividends to Corporate.

### Cash Flows

As of December 31, 2008, the Company had \$57,248,000 of cash, cash equivalents, and investments net of amounts due to/from brokers compared with \$66,432,000 as of December 31, 2007.

Net cash provided by operating activities of continuing operations for the year ended December 31, 2008 was \$2,603,000. Net cash flows were the result of insurance revenues and fees from our MGUs, partially offset by claims and losses.

Net cash used by investing activities of continuing operations for the year ended December 31, 2008 was \$4,338,000. This resulted from purchases of ownership interests in IPA and Marlton (see Note 3 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements).

At December 31, 2008, the Company had \$6,980,000 of restricted cash at our MGUs. The amount at our MGUs is directly offset by corresponding liabilities for Premium and Claim Funds Payable of \$6,980,000. This asset, in part, represents the premium that is remitted by the insureds and is collected by our MGUs on behalf of the insurance carriers they represent. Each month the premium is remitted to the insurance carriers by our MGUs. Until such remittance is made the collected premium is carried as an asset on the balance sheet of each of our MGUs with a corresponding payable to each insurance carrier. In addition to the premium being held at our MGUs, our MGUs are in possession of cash to pay claims. The cash is deposited by each insurance carrier into a bank account that our MGUs can access. The cash is used by our MGUs to pay claims on behalf of the insurance carriers they represent. The availability of cash enables our MGUs to reimburse claims in a timely manner.

At December 31, 2008, the Company had \$32,760,000 of insurance reserves that it expects to pay out of current assets and cash flows from future business. If necessary, the Company could utilize the cash received from maturities and repayments of its fixed maturity investments if the timing of claim payments associated with the Company's insurance resources does not coincide with future cash flows.

The Company believes it has sufficient cash to meet its currently anticipated business requirements over the next twelve months including the funding of discontinued operations, working capital requirements, and capital investments. The Company expects continued cash usage similar to the amount used in 2008 for its discontinued operations, which are primarily lease obligations, for the year ending December 31, 2009.

### **Asset Quality and Investment Impairments**

The nature and quality of insurance company investments must comply with all applicable insurance statutes and regulations which have been promulgated primarily for the protection of policyholders. Of the aggregate carrying value of the Company's investment assets, approximately 94.0% was invested in investment grade fixed income securities, securities purchased under resale agreements, and cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2008. The Company's gross unrealized losses on available-for-sale securities totaled \$4,620,000 and \$1,459,000 at December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Substantially all of these securities were investment grade. The Company holds all fixed maturities and preferred stock as available-for-sale and accordingly marks all of its securities to market through accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). The Company does not have any non-performing fixed maturities at December 31, 2008.

At December 31, 2008, the Company had \$1.9 million invested in whole loan collateralized mortgage obligations ("CMOs") backed by Alt-A mortgages. Of this amount, 46.3% were in CMOs that originated in 2005 or earlier and 53.7% were in CMOs that originated in 2006. While these mortgages have seen lower market values recently, we believe that the unrealized losses on these securities are not necessarily indicative of their ultimate performance. The Company's mortgage security portfolio has no direct exposure to sub-prime mortgages. The decline in fair value for the equity securities was primarily due to wider spreads for preferred stocks issued by financial institutions following the disruption in credit markets in late 2007. Some of these financial institutions have exposure to sub-prime mortgages. The unrealized loss for CMO securities is primarily attributable to Alt-A mortgages as described above. The unrealized losses on corporate securities are due to wider spreads. Spreads have widened as investors shifted funds to US Treasuries in response to the current market turmoil. Further deterioration in credit quality of the companies backing the securities, further deterioration in the condition of the financial services industry, a continuation of the current imbalances in liquidity that exist in the marketplace, a continuation or worsening of the current economic recession, or additional declines in real estate values may further affect the fair value of these securities and increase the

potential that certain unrealized losses be designated as other-than-temporary in future periods and the Company may incur additional write-downs.

The composition of the Company's fixed maturities at December 31, 2008, utilizing Standard and Poor's rating categories, was as follows:

GRADE	<u>% INVESTED</u>
AAA	47.9%
AA	10.7%
A	20.6%
BBB	20.4%
BB	0.4%
	<u>100%</u>

The Company reviews its investments regularly and monitors its investments continually for impairments. For 2008, the Company recorded a loss of \$1,006,000 for other-than-temporary impairments from bonds and preferred stocks.

The following table summarizes the carrying value of securities with fair values less than 80% of their amortized cost at December 31, 2008 by the length of time the fair values of those securities were below 80% of their amortized cost (in thousands):

	<u>Less than 3 months</u>	<u>Greater than 3 months, less than 6 months</u>	<u>Greater than 6 months, less than 12 months</u>	<u>Greater than 12 months</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fixed maturities	\$ 1,591	\$ 813	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,404
Equity securities	83	247	-	-	330
Total	<u>\$ 1,674</u>	<u>\$ 1,060</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,734</u>

The Company has chosen to carry its fixed maturity securities as available-for-sale. The unrealized losses on all available-for-sale securities have been evaluated in accordance with the Company's impairment policy (as disclosed in Note 2 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements) and were determined to be temporary in nature at December 31, 2008. In 2008, the Company experienced an increase in unrealized losses of \$2,853,000 million which decreased stockholders' equity by \$2,853,000 million (reflecting unrealized losses of \$4,057,000 million at December 31, 2008 compared to unrealized losses of \$1,204,000 million at December 31, 2007). From time to time, as warranted, the Company may employ investment strategies to mitigate interest rate and other market exposures.

### **Balance Sheet**

Total investments decreased \$7,301,000 to \$52,847,000 at December 31, 2008 from \$60,148,000 at December 31, 2007, due to unrealized losses and impairments of fixed income securities, the acquisitions of Marlton (\$3,700,000) and IPA (\$1,750,000), and the trading account loss of \$2,006,000, net of expected recoveries, taken in the fourth quarter of 2008 relating to certain activities engaged in by the non-affiliate broker-dealer that managed a trading account of the Company. The \$1,745,000 decrease in total stockholders' equity is primarily due to an increase of \$2,853,000 in unrealized losses, offset by net income of \$965,000 generated during 2008.

The Company had receivables from reinsurers of \$9,386,000 at December 31, 2008. Substantially all of the business ceded to such reinsurers is of short duration. All of such receivables are either due from related

parties, highly rated companies or are adequately secured. No allowance for doubtful accounts was deemed necessary at December 31, 2008.

## **CAPITAL RESOURCES**

As Independence American's total adjusted capital was significantly in excess of the authorized control level risk-based capital, the Company remains well positioned to increase or diversify its current activities. It is anticipated that future acquisitions or other expansion of operations will be funded internally from existing capital and surplus and parent company liquidity. In the event additional funds are required, it is expected that they would be borrowed or raised in the public or private capital markets to the extent determined to be necessary or desirable.

## **OUTLOOK**

### **Independence American**

Independence American, which is domiciled in Delaware, is licensed to write property and/or casualty insurance in 49 states and the District of Columbia, and has an A- (Excellent) rating from A.M. Best Company, Inc. ("A.M. Best"). An A.M. Best rating is assigned after an extensive quantitative and qualitative evaluation of a company's financial condition and operating performance, and is also based upon factors relevant to policyholders, agents, and intermediaries, and is not directed towards protection of investors. A.M. Best ratings are not recommendations to buy, sell or hold securities of the Company.

Since its acquisition by AMIC in 2002, Independence American's primary source of revenue has been reinsurance premiums. During 2008, we began to become less dependent on reinsurance premiums as we increased the amount of business written by Independence American. During 2008, Independence American wrote group major medical, medical stop-loss, major medical plans for individuals and families, and a small amount of short-term medical. Given its A- (Excellent) rating from A.M. Best, Independence American expects to expand the distribution of its products. In late 2008, Independence American appointed a second MGU, which is expected to meaningfully increase the amount of medical stop-loss business written by Independence American in 2009, and we continue to seek additional production sources. With respect to major medical plans for individuals and families, the acquisition of a controlling interest in IPA, should meaningfully increase the amount of this line of business written by Independence American in 2009.

### **IHC Treaties**

With respect to the IHC Treaties, the Company's operating results are affected by the following factors: (i) the percentage of business ceded to Independence American pursuant to the IHC Treaties; (ii) the amount of gross premium written by Standard Security Life or Madison National Life that is ceded to the IHC Treaties; and (iii) the amount of gross premium produced by the MGUs and other distribution sources written by carriers other than Standard Security Life or Madison National Life that is ceded to Independence American. The profitability of the business ceded will also impact our operating results. Independence American assumes medical stop-loss, fully insured health and DBL premiums from IHC under the IHC Treaties.

### **Percentage of Business Ceded**

In 2009 and beyond, the percentage of medical stop-loss ceded to Independence American will depend on how much IHC determines it has available to reinsure and Independence American's desire to reinsure IHC's business. Since the percentage being ceded is now well in excess of the contractual minimum, there is no guaranty that IHC will continue to increase the percentage of business ceded to Independence American or, in fact, cede in excess of 15%. However, our MGUs are the largest producers of medical stop-loss business for IHC, controlling a majority of this premium in 2008.

Independence American reinsures 20% of Standard Security Life's DBL product. Standard Security Life is not contractually obligated to continue to cede this business to Independence American after termination of the current treaty year. Standard Security Life and Madison National Life ceded approximately 8.9% of the majority of their fully insured health business to Independence American. Standard Security Life and Madison National

Life are not contractually obligated to continue to cede this business to Independence American after termination of the current treaty years. The Company does not expect the percentage ceded to it from IHC will change significantly in the next twelve months.

If Independence American, Standard Security Life, and Madison National Life had agreed to increase the average percentage ceded to Independence American by 1% (from the approximately 23% ceded for the twelve months ended December 31, 2008) and Standard Security Life's and Madison National Life's gross written premium had remained unchanged, Independence American's premium would have increased by approximately \$1.8 million, which is approximately 1.8% of total net premiums earned for the year ended December 31, 2008. That increase in premium, however, would not have flowed directly to pre-tax operating income because of corresponding changes in insurance benefits, claims and reserves and other expenses attributable to the increase in premiums.

### **Amount of Premiums Written**

The gross medical stop-loss premiums written by IHC decreased in 2008 by 9.3% and such premiums produced by our MGUs decreased by 10.4% in 2008 as a result of writing and/or renewing fewer policies due to competitors' willingness to write business at profit margins lower than those acceptable to the Company, partially offset by increased rates on the policies retained. This resulted in a decrease in the gross amount of premium available to be ceded to Independence American in 2008, which decrease could extend into 2009. Our MGUs do not anticipate materially increasing their production of medical stop-loss business in 2009. IHC has reported that it expects its DBL and fully insured premiums to remain steady in 2009.

### **Profitability**

The medical stop-loss market is generally cyclical in nature. When a product experiences several consecutive years of underwriting profitability, it is not unusual for there to be more competitors entering that line which can increase pressure on pricing and create a "softer" market. The medical stop-loss market began to "soften" in 2003 and less favorable conditions continued through 2008. As a result of these market conditions, the rate that the carriers that cede business to the Company were able to charge for medical stop-loss increased at a lesser rate in recent years although increases in medical trend have also been held in check to a greater extent and deductibles and attachment points have increased. This reduces the risk taker's overall risk exposure. Fully insured health business tends to be less volatile and less cyclical than excess insurance.

### **Marketing Agreements**

In February 2006, Independence American entered into an agreement with a marketing organization with a block of fully insured health business, including CDHPs, primarily sold to small employer groups, and medical stop-loss, to begin writing for Independence American. The organization that produces this business began writing employer medical stop-loss through Independence American in 2006, and moved the majority of its existing block of fully insured and stop-loss health insurance to Independence American during 2007. Independence American will be the exclusive issuing carrier for business underwritten by this organization through December 31, 2011. Subject to certain conditions, the agreement will automatically extend until December 31, 2016, and this organization could be entitled to additional cash consideration (see Note 19 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements).

In addition, in 2007 the Company entered into an agreement with IPA, a national career agent marketing organization, to begin marketing health plans to individuals and families utilizing Independence American as the carrier. Independence American retains 50% of the risk on this business. Gross premiums of \$4,295,000 and \$231,000 were written under this program in 2008 and 2007, respectively. The program is administered by Insurers Administrative Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of IHC. AMIC purchased a 51% interest in IPA in April 2008 (see Note 3 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements).

### **Item 7A. *Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk***

**Not applicable**

**Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data**

**AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

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## **Report of Management on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

### **The Board of Directors and Stockholders American Independence Corp.**

The management of American Independence Corp. ("AMIC") is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. AMIC's internal control system was designed to provide reasonable assurance to the Company's management and Board of Directors regarding reliability of financial reporting and the preparation and fair presentation of published financial statements for external purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

All internal control systems, no matter how well designed, have inherent limitations. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Management assessed the effectiveness of AMIC's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008. In making this assessment, management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in *Internal Control –Integrated Framework*. Based on our assessment we concluded that, as of December 31, 2008, AMIC's internal control over financial reporting is effective.

**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

**The Board of Directors and Stockholders  
American Independence Corp.:**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of American Independence Corp. and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows for the years then ended. In connection with our audits of the consolidated financial statements, we have also audited the financial statement schedules listed in the accompanying index. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the auditing standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also in our opinion, the related financial statement schedules, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, present fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

/s/ KPMG LLP

New York, New York

March 16, 2009

**American Independence Corp. and Subsidiaries**  
**Consolidated Balance Sheets**  
(In thousands, except share data)

ASSETS:	December 31,	
	2008	2007
<b>Investments:</b>		
Short-term investments, at amortized cost, which approximates fair value	\$ -	\$ 4,786
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	3,917	5,923
Fixed maturities available-for-sale, at fair value	45,884	46,112
Equity securities available-for-sale, at fair value	3,046	3,327
Total investments	52,847	60,148
Cash and cash equivalents	4,401	6,284
Restricted cash (\$5,194 and \$12,824, respectively, restricted by related parties)	6,980	15,201
Accrued investment income	509	471
Premiums receivable (\$5,684 and \$7,103, respectively, due from related parties)	9,571	9,926
Net deferred tax asset	12,584	12,455
Due from reinsurers (\$7,115 and \$9,242, respectively, due from related parties)	9,386	10,845
Goodwill	23,561	20,485
Intangible assets	3,256	2,811
Accrued fee income (\$480 and \$782, respectively, due from related parties)	955	1,113
Other assets	6,575	2,376
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 130,625</b>	<b>\$ 142,115</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Insurance reserves (\$21,564 and \$22,973, respectively, due to related parties)	\$ 32,760	\$ 32,311
Premium and claim funds payable (\$5,194 and \$12,824, respectively, due to related parties)	6,980	15,201
Derivative liability	205	1,248
Commission payable (\$2,894 and \$2,455, respectively, due to related parties)	3,592	3,345
Accounts payable, accruals and other liabilities (\$281 and \$339, respectively, due to related parties)	2,763	2,633
State income taxes payable	573	453
Due to reinsurers (\$25 and \$1,789, respectively, due to related parties)	25	1,796
Net liabilities associated with discontinued operations	366	399
Total liabilities	47,264	57,386
Minority interest	429	52
<b>STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:</b>		
Preferred stock, \$0.10 par value, 1,000 shares designated; no shares issued and outstanding	-	-
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 15,000,000 shares authorized; 9,181,793 shares issued, respectively; 8,503,989 shares outstanding, respectively	92	92
Additional paid-in capital	479,783	479,640
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(4,057)	(1,204)
Treasury stock, at cost, 677,804 shares, respectively	(8,112)	(8,112)
Accumulated deficit	(384,774)	(385,739)
Total stockholders' equity	82,932	84,677
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 130,625</b>	<b>\$ 142,115</b>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**American Independence Corp. and Subsidiaries**  
**Consolidated Statements of Operations**  
(In thousands, except per share data)

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>REVENUES:</b>		
Premiums earned (\$57,031 and \$68,143, respectively, from related parties)	\$ 96,984	\$ 106,100
MGU and agency income (\$6,128 and \$6,896, respectively, from related parties)	14,539	9,452
Net investment income	3,527	3,611
Net realized investment gains (losses)	(2,902)	321
Other income (loss)	1,164	(388)
	113,312	119,096
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Insurance benefits, claims and reserves (\$39,670 and \$50,128, respectively, from related parties)	70,114	78,618
Selling, general and administrative expenses (\$18,239 and \$18,599, respectively, from related parties)	40,263	37,463
Amortization and depreciation	793	971
Minority interest	471	215
	111,641	117,267
Income from continuing operations before income tax	1,671	1,829
Provision for income taxes	631	691
	1,040	1,138
Loss on disposition of discontinued operations, net of tax	(75)	-
	965	1,138
Net income	\$ 965	\$ 1,138
Basic income per common share:		
Income from continuing operations	\$ .12	\$ .13
Loss on disposition of discontinued operations, net of tax	(.01)	-
Net income applicable to common shares	\$ .11	\$ .13
Weighted-average shares outstanding	8,504	8,484
Diluted income per common share:		
Income from continuing operations	\$ .12	\$ .13
Loss on disposition of discontinued operations, net of tax	(.01)	-
Net income applicable to common shares	\$ .11	\$ .13
Weighted-average diluted shares outstanding	8,504	8,535

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**

(in thousands except shares)

	Common Stock Shares	Common Stock Amount	Additional Paid In Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Accumulated Deficit	Treasury Stock Shares	Treasury Stock Amount	Total Stockholders' Equity	Comprehensive Income (Loss)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2006</b>	9,180,695	\$ 92	\$ 479,399	\$ (1,191)	\$ (386,566)	722,805	\$ (6,650)	\$ 83,084	\$
Exercise of options	-	-	10	-	(311)	(45,001)	538	237	231
Share-based compensation expense	-	-	231	-	-	-	-	231	-
Unrealized losses on securities	-	-	-	(13)	-	-	-	(13)	(13)
Other capital transactions	1,098	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net income	-	-	-	-	1,138	-	-	1,138	1,138
<b>Balance, December 31, 2007</b>	9,181,793	92	479,640	(1,204)	(385,739)	677,804	(8,112)	84,677	1,125
Share-based compensation expense	-	-	143	-	-	-	-	143	(2,853)
Unrealized losses on securities	-	-	-	(2,853)	-	-	-	(2,853)	965
Net income	-	-	-	-	965	-	-	965	-
<b>Balance, December 31, 2008</b>	9,181,793	\$ 92	\$ 479,783	\$ (4,057)	\$ (384,774)	677,804	\$ (8,112)	\$ 82,932	\$ (1,888)

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(in thousands)

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net income	\$ 965	\$ 1,138
Adjustments to net income:		
Net realized investment (gains) losses	2,902	(321)
Loss on disposal of discontinued operations	75	-
Amortization and depreciation	793	971
Equity loss	56	28
Deferred tax expense	620	621
Non-cash stock compensation expense	143	231
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Net sales of trading securities	142	324
Change in insurance reserves	449	9,807
Change in net amounts due from and to reinsurers	(312)	1,286
Change in accrued fee income	158	(98)
Change in premiums receivable	355	(7,799)
Change in income taxes	(106)	9
Change in other assets and other liabilities	(3,637)	2,377
	2,603	8,574
Net cash provided by operating activities of continuing operations	2,603	8,574
Net cash used by operating activities of discontinued operations	(148)	(156)
Net cash provided by operating activities	2,455	8,418
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net (purchases) sales of short-term investments	2,368	(40)
Net sales of securities under resale and repurchase agreements	2,006	753
Sales of and principal repayments on fixed maturities	11,649	11,894
Maturities and other repayments of fixed maturities	5,230	2,770
Purchases of fixed maturities	(19,994)	(17,739)
Sales of equity securities	622	863
Purchases of equity securities	(962)	(2,444)
Distribution from interest in partnerships	-	62
Acquisition of Marlton 20% interest (see Note 3)	(3,700)	-
Acquisition of IPA, LLC, net of cash acquired (see Note 3)	(1,557)	-
Acquisition of HealthInsurance.org, LLC	-	(430)
	(4,338)	(4,311)
Net cash used by investing activities	(4,338)	(4,311)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	-	237
	-	237
Net cash provided by financing activities	-	237
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(1,883)	4,344
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	6,284	1,940
Cash and cash equivalents, at end of period	\$ 4,401	\$ 6,284
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION:</b>		
Cash paid during period for:		
Income taxes	\$ 108	\$ 97

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**American Independence Corp. and Subsidiaries**  
**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

**1. Nature of Business**

American Independence Corp. is a Delaware corporation (NASDAQ: AMIC). We are a holding company principally engaged in the insurance and reinsurance business through: a) our wholly owned insurance company, Independence American Insurance Company ("Independence American"); b) our managing general underwriter subsidiaries: IndependenceCare Holdings L.L.C. and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as "IndependenceCare"); Risk Assessment Strategies, Inc. ("RAS"), and Marlton Risk Group LLC ("Marlton"); c) our 23% investment in Majestic Underwriters LLC ("Majestic"); d) our 51% ownership in HealthInsurance.org, LLC ("HIO"), an insurance and marketing agency; e) our 51% ownership in Independent Producers of America, LLC ("IPA"), a national career agent marketing organization; and f) our wholly owned claims administration company, Excess Claims Administrators, Inc. ("ECA"). IndependenceCare, RAS and Marlton are collectively referred to as "our MGUs". HIO and IPA are collectively referred to as "our Agencies".

Prior to November 14, 2002, the Company (then known as SoftNet Systems, Inc.) was a holding company principally engaged in providing Internet services. All previously reported business segments have ceased operations or have been sold, and accordingly are reported as discontinued operations (see Note 9 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements).

Since November 2002, AMIC has been affiliated with Independence Holding Company ("IHC"), an insurance holding company, which held 49.7% of AMIC's outstanding common stock at December 31, 2008. The senior management of IHC provides direction to the Company through a service agreement between the Company and IHC. IHC has also entered into long-term reinsurance treaties through its wholly owned subsidiaries, Standard Security Life Insurance Company of New York ("Standard Security Life") and Madison National Life Insurance Company, Inc. ("Madison National Life"), whereby the Company assumes reinsurance premiums from the following lines of business: medical stop-loss, New York statutory disability ("DBL"), short-term medical ("STM") and group major medical.

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

***Principles of Consolidation and Presentation of Financial Statements***

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") and include the accounts of AMIC and its consolidated subsidiaries. All intercompany transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect: (i) the reported amounts of assets and liabilities; (ii) the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements; and (iii) the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

***Immaterial Correction of an Error***

Minority interest is to be reported at the percentage of the historical financial statement carrying amounts of the net assets of the acquired enterprise based on the ownership interest of the remaining minority interest owners in the acquired enterprise. The Company incorrectly recorded minority interest from the January 1, 2003 acquisition of Marlton based on the fair value of the net assets of the acquired enterprise. Accordingly, the December 31, 2007 minority interest amount reflected on the consolidated balance sheet has been reduced by \$3,987,000 with an

offsetting reduction to goodwill. This correction had no effect on consolidated stockholders' equity or on the results of operations.

### ***Reclassifications***

Certain amounts in prior years' Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto have been reclassified to conform to the 2008 presentation, primarily relating to the EDH Derivative (see Note 19 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements).

### ***Investment in Majestic Underwriters LLC***

The Company's investment in Majestic Underwriters LLC (see Note 7 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements) is carried on the equity method with the Company's share of income or loss credited or charged, as appropriate, to net investment income in the Consolidated Statements of Operations with a corresponding charge to the Company's investment account. The Company also reduces its investment for its proportionate share of the amortization expense for the intangible assets recorded in the acquisition.

### ***Goodwill and Other Intangibles***

Goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives, which consist of licenses, are not amortized but are evaluated for impairment in the aggregate at the end of the third quarter of each year, or more frequently if indicators arise. If the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount (including goodwill), further evaluation is required to determine if a write-down of goodwill is required. Any impairment write-down of goodwill would be charged to expense. No impairment charge was required in 2008 or 2007.

At December 31, 2008, the Company's market capitalization was less than its book value indicating a potential impairment of goodwill. As a result, the Company assessed the factors contributing to the performance of AMIC stock in 2008. As a result of this assessment, the Company does not believe that an impairment of goodwill exists at this time (see Note 3 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements).

The Company's intangible assets with definite lives, consisting of broker/third party relationships and marketing agreements, are amortized over the expected life of the assets (see Note 4 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements).

### ***Fair Value of Financial Instruments***

The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, short-term investments, due from reinsurers and premiums receivable approximates their fair values.

### ***Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash***

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and highly liquid securities with maturities of three months or less from date of purchase. Restricted cash primarily consists of funds held by our MGUs for the benefit of their insurers and reinsurers. These funds are restricted and are to be used to facilitate expeditious payment of approved claims. The funds are replenished by the insurers and reinsurers as claims are paid by our MGUs.

### ***Short-Term Investments***

Investments with original maturities of 91-days to 1 year are considered short-term investments and are carried at cost which approximates fair value.

### **Securities Purchased Under Agreements to Resell and Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase**

Securities purchased under agreements to resell ("resale agreements") and securities sold under agreements to repurchase ("repurchase agreements") are carried at the amounts at which the securities will be subsequently resold or repurchased as specified in the agreements. The Company maintains control of securities purchased under resale agreements, values the collateral on a daily basis and obtains additional collateral, if necessary, to protect the Company in the event of default by the counterparties.

### **Investment Securities**

(i) Investments in fixed income securities, redeemable preferred stock equity securities and derivatives (options and options on future contracts) are accounted for as follows:

(a) Securities which are held for trading purposes are carried at estimated fair value ("fair value"). Changes in fair value are credited or charged, as appropriate, to net realized investment gains in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

(b) Securities not held for trading purposes which may or may not be held to maturity ("available-for-sale securities") are carried at fair value. Unrealized gains and losses deemed temporary are credited or charged, as appropriate, directly to accumulated other comprehensive income (a component of stockholders' equity). Premiums and discounts on debt securities purchased at other than par value are amortized and accreted, respectively, to interest income in the Consolidated Statements of Operations, using the constant yield method over the period to maturity. Realized gains and losses on sales of available-for-sale securities, and unrealized losses considered to be other than temporary, are credited or charged, as appropriate, to net realized investment gains in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

(ii) Financial instruments sold, but not yet purchased, represent obligations to replace borrowed securities that have been sold. Such transactions occur in anticipation of declines in the fair value of the securities. The Company's risk is an increase in the fair value of the securities sold in excess of the consideration received, but that risk is mitigated as a result of relationships to certain securities owned. Unrealized gains or losses on open transactions are credited or charged, as appropriate, to net realized investment gains in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. While the transaction is open, the Company will also incur an expense for any accrued dividends or interest payable to the lender of the securities. When the transaction is closed, the Company realizes a gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between the price at which the securities were sold and the cost of replacing the borrowed securities. There were no such transactions outstanding at December 31, 2008 and 2007.

(iii) Realized gains or losses on sales of securities are determined on the basis of specific identification.

(iv) The Company enters into derivative transactions, such as put and call option contracts and options on interest rate futures contracts, to minimize losses on portions of the Company's fixed income portfolio in a rapidly changing interest rate environment. Equity index options are entered into to offset price fluctuations in the equity markets. These derivative financial instruments are all readily marketable and are carried on the Consolidated Balance Sheets at their current fair value with changes in fair value (unrealized gains or losses), credited or charged, as appropriate, to net realized investment gains in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. All realized gains and losses are reflected currently in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. Gains (losses) on these instruments were \$1,196,000 and \$(480,000) during 2008 and 2007, respectively. There were no such derivative transactions outstanding at December 31, 2008 and 2007.

(v) Fair value is determined by quoted market prices, where available, or by independent pricing services.

(vi) The Company reviews its investment securities regularly and determines whether other than temporary impairments have occurred. If a decline in fair value is judged by management to

be other than temporary, a loss is recognized by a charge to the Consolidated Statements of Operations, establishing a new cost basis for the security. Beginning with fourth quarter of 2008, for purposes of other-than-temporary impairment evaluation, preferred stocks are treated in a manner similar to debt securities. The factors considered by management in its regular review include, but are not limited to: the length of time and extent to which the fair value has been less than cost; the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer; adverse changes in ratings announced by one or more rating agencies; subordinated credit support; whether the issuer of a debt security has remained current on principal and interest payments; current expected cash flows; whether the decline in fair value appears to be issuer specific or, alternatively, a reflection of general market or industry conditions (including, in the case of fixed maturities, the effect of changes in market interest rates); and the Company's intent and ability to hold the security for a period of time sufficient to allow for a recovery in fair value. For structured securities such as mortgage backed securities, an impairment loss is recognized when there has been a decrease in expected cash flows combined with a decline in the security's fair value below cost.

### **Fixed Assets**

Fixed assets are stated at cost net of accumulated depreciation. Improvements are capitalized, while repair and maintenance costs are charged to operations as incurred. Depreciation of property and equipment has been provided on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets (3 years for computer equipment and 7 years for furniture and fixtures). Amortization of leasehold improvements has been provided on the straight-line method over the shorter of the lease term or the estimated useful life of the asset.

### **Premium, MGU Fee, and Agency Income Revenue Recognition**

Direct and assumed premiums from short-duration contracts are recognized as revenue over the period of the contracts in proportion to the amount of insurance protection provided. The Company records MGU fee income as policy premium payments are earned. Our MGUs are compensated in two ways. They earn fee income based on the volume of business produced, and collect profit-sharing commissions if such business exceeds certain profitability benchmarks. Profit-sharing commissions are accounted for beginning in the period in which the Company believes they are reasonably estimable, which is typically at the point that claims have developed to a level where Claim Development Patterns can be applied to generate reasonably reliable estimates of ultimate claim levels. Profit-sharing commissions are a function of an MGU attaining certain profitability thresholds and could greatly vary from quarter to quarter. Agency income consists of commissions, fees and lead revenue earned by our Agencies.

MGU and agency income consisted of the following:

	<b>Year Ended</b>	
	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	(In thousands)	
MGU fee income - administration	\$ 7,822	\$ 9,141
MGU fee income - profit commissions	1,036	257
Agency Income	<u>5,681</u>	<u>54</u>
	<u>\$ 14,539</u>	<u>\$ 9,452</u>

## **Insurance Reserves**

The Company maintains loss reserves to cover its estimated liability for unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses, where material, including legal and other fees and a portion of the Company's general expenses, for reported and unreported claims incurred as of the end of each accounting period. These loss reserves are based on actuarial assumptions and are maintained at levels that are in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Many factors could affect these reserves, including economic and social conditions, frequency and severity of claims, medical trend resulting from the influences of underlying cost inflation, changes in utilization and demand for medical services, and changes in doctrines of legal liability and damage awards in litigation. Therefore, the Company's reserves are necessarily based on estimates, assumptions and analysis of historical experience. The Company's results depend upon the variation between actual claims experience and the assumptions used in determining reserves and pricing products. Reserve assumptions and estimates require significant judgment and, therefore, are inherently uncertain. The Company cannot determine with precision the ultimate amounts that will be paid for actual claims or the timing of those payments. The Company's estimate of loss represents management's best estimate of the Company's liability at the balance sheet date.

All of the Company's contracts are short-duration and are accounted for based on actuarial estimates of the amount of loss inherent in that period's claims, including losses incurred for claims that have not been reported ("IBNR"). Short-duration contract loss estimates rely on actuarial observations of ultimate loss experience for similar historical events.

### **Medical Stop-Loss**

Liabilities for insurance reserves on certain short-term medical coverages, such as medical stop-loss, are computed using completion factors and expected Net Loss Ratios derived from actual historical premium and claim data. Reserves for medical stop-loss insurance are more volatile in nature than those for fully insured medical insurance. This is primarily due to the excess nature of medical stop-loss, with very high deductibles applying to specific claims on any individual claimant and in the aggregate for a given group. The level of these deductibles makes it more difficult to predict the amount and payment pattern of such claims. Furthermore, these excess claims are highly sensitive to changes in factors such as medical trend, provider contracts and medical treatment protocols, adding to the difficulty in predicting claim values and estimating reserves. Also, because medical stop-loss is in excess of an underlying benefit plan, there is an additional layer of claim reporting and processing that can affect claim payment patterns. Finally, changes in the distribution of business by effective month can affect reserve estimates due to the timing of claim occurrences and the time required to accumulate claims against the stop-loss deductible.

The two "primary" or "key" assumptions underlying the calculation of loss reserves for medical stop-loss business are (i) projected net loss ratio, and (ii) claim development patterns. The projected net loss ratio is set at expected levels consistent with the underlying assumptions ("Projected Net Loss Ratio"). Claim development patterns are set quarterly as reserve estimates are developed and are based on recent claim development history ("Claim Development Patterns"). The Company uses the Projected Net Loss Ratio to establish reserves until developing losses provide a better indication of ultimate results and it is feasible to set reserves based on Claim Development Patterns. The Company has concluded that a reasonably likely change in the Projected Net Loss Ratio assumption could have a material effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations, or liquidity ("Material Effect") but a reasonably likely change in the Claim Development Pattern would not have a Material Effect.

### *Projected Net Loss Ratio*

Generally, during the first twelve months of an underwriting year, reserves for medical stop-loss are first set at the Projected Net Loss Ratio, which is set using assumptions developed using completed prior experience trended forward. The Projected Net Loss Ratio is the Company's best estimate of future performance until such time as developing losses provide a better indication of ultimate results.

Major factors that affect the Projected Net Loss Ratio assumption in reserving for medical stop-loss relate to: (i) frequency and severity of claims; (ii) changes in medical trend resulting from the influences of underlying cost inflation, changes in utilization and demand for medical services, the impact of new medical technology and changes in medical treatment protocols; and (iii) the adherence by the MGUs that produce and administer this business to the Company's underwriting guidelines.

### *Claim Development Patterns*

Subsequent to the first twelve months of an underwriting year, the Company's developing losses provide a better indication of ultimate losses. At this point, claims have developed to a level where Claim Development Patterns can be applied to generate reasonably reliable estimates of ultimate claim levels. Development factors based on historical patterns are applied to paid and reported claims to estimate fully developed claims. Claim Development Patterns are reviewed quarterly as reserve estimates are developed and are based on recent claim development history. The Company must determine whether changes in development represent true indications of emerging experience or are simply due to random claim fluctuations.

The Company also establishes its best estimates of claim development factors to be applied to more developed treaty year experience. While these factors are based on historical Claim Development Patterns, actual claim development may vary from these estimates.

Predicting ultimate claims and estimating reserves in Medical Stop-Loss is more complex than first dollar medical and disability business due to the "excess of loss" nature of these products with very high deductibles applying to specific claims on any individual claimant and in the aggregate for a given group. The level of these deductibles makes it more difficult to predict the amount and payment pattern of such claims. Fluctuations in results for specific coverage are primarily due to the severity and frequency of individual claims, whereas fluctuations in aggregate coverage are largely attributable to frequency of underlying claims rather than severity.

Due to the short-term nature of Medical Stop-Loss, redundancies or deficiencies will typically emerge during the course of the following year rather than over a number of years. For Employer Stop-Loss, as noted above, the Company typically maintains its reserves based on underlying assumptions until it determines that an adjustment is appropriate based on emerging experience from all of its MGUs for prior underwriting years. Reserves for HMO Reinsurance are adjusted on a policy by policy basis. Because of the small number of HMO Reinsurance policies it writes or reinsures, the Company is able to evaluate each policy individually for potential liability by reviewing open claims with each HMO and applying completion factors using historical data.

### **Fully Insured Health**

Liabilities for insurance reserves for fully insured medical business are established to provide for the liability for incurred but not paid claims. Reserves are calculated using standard actuarial methods and practices. Historical paid claim patterns are reviewed and estimated development factors are applied to immature incurred months to calculate these reserves. The primary assumption in the determination of fully insured reserves is that historical claim

development patterns are representative of future claim development patterns. Factors which may affect this assumption include changes in claim payment processing times and procedures, changes in time delay in submission of claims and the incidence of unusually large claims. Liabilities for fully insured medical reserves and disability coverages are computed using completion factors and expected Net Loss Ratios derived from actual historical premium and claim data. The reserving analysis includes a review of claim processing statistical measures and large claim early notifications; the potential impacts of any changes in these factors are not material. The delay in submission of claims tends to be stable over time and not subject to significant volatility.

While these calculations are based on standard methodologies, they are estimates based on historical patterns. To the extent that actual claim payment patterns differ from historical patterns, such estimated reserves may be redundant or inadequate. The effects of such deviations are evaluated by considering claim backlog statistics and reviewing the reasonableness of projected claim ratios. Other factors which may affect the accuracy of reserve estimates include the proportion of large claims which may take longer to adjudicate, changes in billing patterns by providers and changes in claim management practices such as hospital bill audits.

Liabilities for insurance reserves on STM and disability coverages are computed using claim development patterns and projected loss ratios derived from actual historical premium and claim data.

Management believes that the Company's methods of estimating the liabilities for insurance reserves provided appropriate levels of reserves at December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007. Changes in the Company's reserve estimates are recorded through a charge or credit to its earnings in the period in which they arise.

### ***Reinsurance***

Amounts recoverable or paid for under reinsurance contracts are included in total assets or total liabilities as due from reinsurers or due to reinsurers. In 2008, Independence American derived most of its business from pro rata quota share reinsurance treaties with Standard Security Life and Madison National Life, which are wholly owned subsidiaries of IHC.

### ***Income Taxes***

The Company accounts for income taxes under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax basis, and operating loss and tax credit carry forwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. Valuation allowances are established when necessary to reduce deferred tax assets where it is more likely than not that the deferred tax asset will not be realized (see Note 13 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements).

In June 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the "FASB") issued Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes – An Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 ("Interpretation 48"), which prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. Interpretation 48 also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. Interpretation 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. The

adoption of Interpretation 48 on January 31, 2007 did not have a material effect on the Company's financial statements and the Company believes there are no significant tax positions that would require disclosure under Interpretation 48. Interest income or expense and penalties when applicable will be credited or charged, as appropriate, to selling, general and administrative expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. The IRS has completed their audit of the Company's 2003 and 2004 consolidated income tax returns in the third quarter of 2008 and made no changes to the reported tax for those periods.

### ***Income Per Common Share***

Basic income per common share is computed using the weighted average number of common stock shares outstanding during the period. Diluted income per common share is computed using the weighted average number of common stock shares and common stock equivalent shares outstanding during the period. Common stock equivalents consist of stock options (using the "treasury stock" method). Common stock equivalent shares are excluded from the computation if the effect is anti-dilutive. As a result of the anti-dilutive effect, common stock equivalent shares have been excluded from the computation of diluted earnings per share for periods presented with a net loss. Included in the diluted earnings per share calculations are 51,000 shares for the year ended December 31, 2007, from the assumed exercise of options using the treasury stock method. For the year ended December 31, 2008, such shares were deemed anti-dilutive. Net income does not change as a result of the assumed dilution.

### ***Recent Accounting Pronouncements***

#### ***Recently Issued Accounting Standards***

In November 2008, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") Issue No. 08-7, *"Accounting for Defensive Intangible Assets,"* ("EITF No. 08-7"). EITF No. 08-7 applies to defensive intangible assets, which are acquired intangible assets that the acquirer does not intend to actively use but intends to hold to prevent its competitors from obtaining access to them. As these assets are separately identifiable, EITF No. 08-7 requires an acquiring entity to account for defensive intangible assets as a separate unit of accounting. Defensive intangible assets should not be included as part of the cost of the acquirer's existing intangible assets because the defensive intangible assets are separately identifiable. Defensive intangible assets must be recognized at fair value in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") 141(R) and SFAS 157. EITF No. 08-7 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. The adoption of EITF No. 08-7 is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In November 2008, the FASB issued EITF Issue No. 08-6, *"Equity Method Investment Accounting"* ("EITF No. 08-6"). EITF No. 08-6 requires that the cost basis of an equity method investment be determined by using a cost-accumulation model, which would continue the practice of including transaction costs in the cost of the investment and would exclude the value of contingent consideration. Equity method investments will be subject to other-than-temporary impairment analysis, however, an equity investor shall not separately test and investee's underlying indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment. EITF No. 08-6 also requires an equity investor to account for a share issuance by an investee as if the investor had sold a proportionate share if its investment. Any gain or loss to the investor resulting from an investee's share issuance shall be recognized in earnings. EITF No. 08-6 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. The adoption of EITF No. 08-6 is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In June 2008, the FASB issued FSP EITF No. 03-6-1, *"Determining Whether Instruments Granted in Share-Based Payment Transactions Are Participating Securities"* ("FSP EITF No. 03-6-

1"). FSP EITF No. 03-6-1 addresses whether instruments granted in share-based payment transactions are participating securities prior to vesting and therefore need to be included in the earnings allocation in calculating earnings per share under the two-class method described in SFAS No. 128, *"Earnings per Share"*. FSP EITF No. 03-6-1 requires companies to treat unvested share-based payment awards that have non-forfeitable rights to dividend or dividend equivalents as a separate class of securities in calculating earnings per share. FSP EITF No. 03-6-1 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008; earlier application is not permitted. The adoption of FSP EITF No. 03-6-1 is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In May 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 163, *"Accounting for Financial Guarantee Insurance Contracts - An interpretation of FASB Statement No. 60"* ("SFAS 163"). SFAS 163 requires that an insurance enterprise recognize a claim liability prior to an event of default when there is evidence that credit deterioration has occurred in an insured financial obligation. It also clarifies how Statement 60 applies to financial guarantee insurance contracts, including the recognition and measurement to be used to account for premium revenue and claim liabilities, and requires expanded disclosures about financial guarantee insurance contracts. It is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008, except for some disclosures about the insurance enterprise's risk-management activities. SFAS 163 requires that disclosures about the risk-management activities of the insurance enterprise be effective for the first period beginning after issuance. Except for those disclosures, earlier application is not permitted. The adoption of SFAS 163 is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In April 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position ("FSP") FAS 142-3, *"Determination of the Useful Life of Intangible Assets."* ("FSP FAS 142-3"). FSP FAS 142-3 amends the factors that should be considered in developing renewal or extension assumptions used to determine the useful life of a recognized intangible asset under SFAS No. 142, *"Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets."* FSP FAS 142-3 applies prospectively to intangible assets that are acquired, individually or with a group of other assets, after the effective date in either a business combination or asset acquisition. FSP FAS 142-3 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is prohibited. The adoption of FSP FAS 142-3 is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, *"Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities—an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133"* ("SFAS 161"). SFAS 161 expands the current disclosure requirements for derivative instruments and hedging activities. Entities are required to provide enhanced disclosures about (a) how and why an entity uses derivative instruments, (b) how derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for under FASB Statement 133 and its related interpretations, and (c) how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect an entity's financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. In addition, SFAS 161 requires disclosure of fair values of derivative instruments and their gains and losses in a tabular format as well as cross-referencing within the footnotes to allow users of financial statements to locate important information about derivative instruments. SFAS 161 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008, with early application encouraged. SFAS 161 encourages, but does not require, comparative disclosures for earlier periods at initial adoption. The adoption of SFAS 161 is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In February 2008, the FASB issued FSP FAS 140-3, *"Accounting for Transfers of Financial Assets and Repurchase Financing Transactions"* ("FSP FAS 140-3"). The objective of FSP FAS 140-3 is to provide guidance on accounting for a transfer of a financial asset and a repurchase financing. FSP FAS 140-3 presumes that an initial transfer of a financial asset and a repurchase

financing are considered part of the same arrangement (linked transaction) under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 140, *"Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities"* ("SFAS 140"). However, if certain criteria are met, the initial transfer and repurchase financing shall not be evaluated as a linked transaction and shall be evaluated separately under SFAS No. 140. FSP FAS 140-3 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008, and interim periods within these fiscal years. Earlier application is not permitted. The adoption of FSP FAS 140-3 is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In November 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141 (revised 2007), *"Business Combinations"* ("SFAS 141(R)") and SFAS No. 160, *"Non-controlling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements"*, an amendment of ARB No. 51 ("SFAS 160"). These standards aim to improve, simplify, and converge internationally the accounting for business combinations and the reporting of non-controlling interests in consolidated financial statements. SFAS 141(R) will change how business acquisitions are accounted for and will impact financial statements both on the acquisition date and in subsequent periods. SFAS 160 will change the accounting and reporting for minority interests, which will be re-characterized as non-controlling interests and classified as a component of equity. SFAS 141(R) and SFAS 160 are effective for both public and private companies for fiscal years beginning on or after December 15, 2008. SFAS 141(R) will be applied prospectively. SFAS 160 requires retroactive adoption of the presentation and disclosure requirements for existing minority interests. All other requirements of SFAS 160 will be applied prospectively. Early adoption is prohibited for both standards. The adoption of SFAS 141(R) and SFAS 160 is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

#### ***Recently Adopted Accounting Standards***

In January 2009, the FASB issued FSP No. EITF 99-20-1, *"Amendments to the Impairment Guidance of EITF Issue No. 99-20"* ("FSP EITF 99-20-1"). FSP EITF 99-20-1 aligns the impairment guidance in EITF Issue No. 99-20, *"Recognition of Interest Income and Impairment on Purchased Beneficial Interests and Beneficial Interests That Continue to be Held by a Transferor in Securitized Financial Assets"*, with that in SFAS No. 115, *"Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities"*, and other related guidance. The adoption of FSP EITF 99-20-1 did not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In December 2008, the FASB issued FSP FAS 140-4 and FIN 46(R)-8, *"Disclosures by Public Entities (Enterprises) about Transfers of Financial Assets and Interests in Variable Interest Entities"* ("FSP FAS 140-4 and FIN 46(R)-8"). This FSP amends SFAS No. 140, *"Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities"*, requiring public entities to provide additional disclosures about transfers of financial assets. It also amends FASB Interpretation No. 46 (revised December 2003), *"Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities"*, requiring public enterprises, including sponsors that have a variable interest in a variable interest entity, to provide additional disclosures about their involvement with variable interest entities. FSP FAS 140-4 and FIN 46(R)-8 shall be effective for annual or interim periods ending after December 15, 2008. The adoption of FSP FAS 140-4 and FIN 46(R)-8 did not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In September 2008, the FASB issued FSP FAS 133-1 and FIN 45-4, *"Disclosures about Credit Derivatives and Certain Guarantees: An Amendment of FASB Statement No. 133 and Interpretation No. 45; and Clarification of the Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 161"* ("FSP FAS 133-1 and FIN 45-4"). FSP FAS 133-1 and FIN 45-4 expands the disclosure requirements of SFAS 133 for sellers of credit derivatives and hybrid instruments that have embedded credit derivatives to include (a) the nature of the credit derivative, including the approximate term, the reasons for entering into the credit derivative and the events or circumstances that would require

the seller to perform under the credit derivative and the current status of the payment/performance risk of the credit derivative, (b) the maximum potential amount of future payments (undiscounted) the seller could be required to make under the credit derivative, (c) the fair value of the credit derivative, and (d) the nature of (1) any recourse provisions that would enable the seller to recover from third parties any of the amounts paid under the credit derivative, and (2) any assets held either as collateral or by third parties that, upon the occurrence of any specified triggering event or condition, the seller can obtain and liquidate to recover all or a portion of the amounts paid under the credit derivative. With respect to hybrid instruments that have an embedded credit derivative, the seller shall disclose the required information for the entire hybrid instrument, not just the embedded derivative. Disclosure requirements of Interpretation 45 were expanded to include the current status of the payment/performance risk of the guarantee. FSP FAS 133-1 and FIN 45-4 shall be effective for annual or interim periods ending after November 15, 2008. FSP FAS 133-1 and FIN 45-4 encourages, but does not require, comparative disclosures for earlier periods at initial adoption. The adoption of FSP FAS 133-1 and FIN 45-4 did not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In May 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 162, "*The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*" ("SFAS 162"). SFAS 162 identifies the sources of accounting principles and the framework for selecting the principles to be used in the preparation of financial statements of nongovernmental entities that are presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. It is effective 60 days following the Securities and Exchange Commission's approval of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board amendments to AU Section 411, "*The Meaning of Present Fairly in Conformity With Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*", which occurred on September 16, 2008. The adoption of SFAS 162 did not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. This Statement applies under other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements. FASB Staff Position FIN 157-2, "*Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157*", amends SFAS 157 to defer its effective date to fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008, and for interim periods within those fiscal years. The delayed effective date applies to all non-financial assets and non-financial liabilities except for items that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis (at least annually). FSP FAS 157-3, "*Determining the Fair Value of a Financial Asset When the Market for That Asset Is Not Active*" clarifies the application of SFAS 157 in a market that is not active and provides an example to illustrate key considerations in determining the fair value of a financial asset when the market for that financial asset is not active. Revisions resulting from a change in the valuation technique or its application shall be accounted for as a change in accounting estimate. The partial adoption of SFAS 157 for financial assets and liabilities did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

### 3. Goodwill

The change in the carrying amount of goodwill for the year ended December 31, 2008 is as follows (in thousands):

	<u>Goodwill</u>
Balance at December 31, 2007	\$ 20,485
IPA Acquisition	330
Marlton Acquisition	3,182
Reduction of valuation allowance on deferred tax assets	(436)
Balance at December 31, 2008	<u>\$ 23,561</u>

On April 1, 2008, the Company purchased the remaining 20% interest in Marlton for \$3,700,000, which was funded from corporate liquidity, thereby increasing its interest in this medical stop-loss MGU to 100%. The Company reduced minority interest by \$39,000 for the 20% interest in net assets acquired. The Company recorded goodwill based on the fair value of the remaining 20% interest at the acquisition date. As a result of the acquisition, the Company also reduced the valuation allowance on deferred tax assets by \$436,000 with a corresponding decrease in goodwill for the amount of net operating losses it estimates it will utilize.

On April 15, 2008, the Company acquired certain of the assets and assumed certain of the liabilities of Insurance Producers Group of America, Inc. and its subsidiaries for \$1,750,000, which was funded from corporate liquidity. These assets were acquired by IPA, an indirect, 51% owned subsidiary of the Company.

As required by SFAS 142, the goodwill impairment test must be performed annually. Additionally, SFAS 142 states that goodwill shall be tested for impairment between annual tests if an event or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying amount. The Company utilized a discounted cash flow model, which includes residual value, to determine the fair value of the reporting unit. The Company performed its annual test at September 30, 2008 and determined that goodwill was not impaired.

At December 31, 2008, the Company's market capitalization was less than its book value indicating a potential impairment of goodwill. As a result, the Company assessed the factors contributing to the performance of AMIC stock in 2008, and concluded that the market capitalization does not represent the fair value of the Company. The Company noted several factors that have led to a difference between the market capitalization and the fair value of the Company, including (i) the Company's stock is thinly traded and a sale of even a small number of shares can have a large percentage impact on the price of the stock, (ii) IHC and insiders own over 50% of the outstanding shares, which has had a significant adverse impact on the number of shares available for sale and therefore the trading potential of AMIC stock, (iii) the general lack of confidence in equity securities, which has resulted in a flight to US Treasury securities and other investments perceived to be of a higher quality, (iv) both financial institutions and the insurance industry as a whole have seen similar drops in share prices, particularly in the fourth quarter of 2008 as concerns over the effects of the volatile equity and bond markets on insurance company's investment portfolios are translating into lower share prices. In light of such developments, the Company updated its evaluation at December 31, 2008 and reaffirmed that goodwill was not impaired. Going forward, the Company changed its annual impairment testing date from September 30 to December 31. If the Company experiences a sustained decline in its results of operations and cash flows, or other indicators of impairment exist, the Company may incur a material non-cash charge to earnings relating to impairment of our goodwill, which could have a material adverse effect on our results.

#### 4. Intangible Assets

Intangible assets at December 31, 2008 and 2007 consist of the following (in thousands):

	December 31, 2008			December 31, 2007		
	Definitive Lives (a)	Indefinite Lives	Total	Definitive Lives	Indefinite Lives	Total
<b>Gross Carrying Value</b>						
Balance beginning of period	\$ 8,169	\$ 100	\$ 8,269	\$ 8,057	\$ 100	\$ 8,157
Additions	1,204	-	1,204	112	-	112
Balance end of period	9,373	100	9,473	8,169	100	8,269
<b>Accumulated Amortization</b>						
Balance beginning of period	(5,458)	-	(5,458)	(4,615)	-	(4,615)
Amortization expense	(759)	-	(759)	(843)	-	(843)
Balance end of period	(6,217)	-	(6,217)	(5,458)	-	(5,458)
Net intangible assets	\$ 3,156	\$ 100	\$ 3,256	\$ 2,711	\$ 100	\$ 2,811
Weighted average remaining life in years			2.42			1.66

Expected amortization expense for the next five years is as follows (in thousands):

	Year Ending December 31,
2009	\$ 783
2010	783
2011	783
2012	124
2013 and thereafter	683
	\$ 3,156

Intangible asset additions of \$1,204,000 in 2008 are a result of the Company's purchase of the remaining 20% interest in Marlton on April 1, 2008 (\$480,000), and the acquisition of certain of the assets and assumption of certain of the liabilities of Insurance Producers Group of America, Inc. and its subsidiaries on April 15, 2008 (\$724,000). These assets were acquired by IPA, an indirect, 51% owned subsidiary of the Company. Intangible assets related to the purchase of the remaining 20% interest in Marlton represent broker relationships with an estimated useful life of 10 years. Intangible assets related to Insurance Producers Group of America, Inc. and its subsidiaries represent various relationships and proprietary technology with estimated useful life spans of 4 to 12 years.

## 5. Investments

The cost (amortized cost with respect to certain fixed maturities), gross unrealized gains, gross unrealized losses and fair value of long-term investment securities are as follows:

DECEMBER 31, 2008				
AMORTIZED COST	GROSS UNREALIZED GAINS	GROSS UNREALIZED LOSSES	FAIR VALUE	
(In thousands)				
<b>FIXED MATURITIES</b>				
<b>AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE:</b>				
Corporate securities	\$ 24,621	\$ 128	\$ (2,964)	\$ 21,785
Collateralized mortgage obligations (CMO)	8,470	46	(989)	7,527
States, municipalities and political subdivisions	2,513	21	(147)	2,387
U.S. Government	4,873	239	-	5,112
Government sponsored enterprise (GSE)	2,801	49	-	2,850
Agency mortgage backed pass through securities (MBS)	6,143	80	-	6,223
Total fixed maturities	<u>\$ 49,421</u>	<u>\$ 563</u>	<u>\$ (4,100)</u>	<u>\$ 45,884</u>
<b>EQUITY SECURITIES</b>				
<b>AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE</b>				
Preferred stock	<u>\$ 3,566</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (520)</u>	<u>\$ 3,046</u>

  

DECEMBER 31, 2007				
AMORTIZED COST	GROSS UNREALIZED GAINS	GROSS UNREALIZED LOSSES	FAIR VALUE	
(In thousands)				
<b>FIXED MATURITIES</b>				
<b>AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE:</b>				
Corporate securities	\$ 21,332	\$ 55	\$ (655)	\$ 20,732
Collateralized mortgage obligations (CMO)	8,929	20	(306)	8,643
States, municipalities and political subdivisions	1,788	2	(13)	1,777
U.S. Government	4,663	112	-	4,775
Government sponsored enterprise (GSE)	5,354	7	(27)	5,334
Agency mortgage backed pass through securities (MBS)	4,793	59	(1)	4,851
Total fixed maturities	<u>\$ 46,859</u>	<u>\$ 255</u>	<u>\$ (1,002)</u>	<u>\$ 46,112</u>
<b>EQUITY SECURITIES</b>				
<b>AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE</b>				
Preferred stock	<u>\$ 3,784</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (457)</u>	<u>\$ 3,327</u>

Government-sponsored enterprise mortgage-backed securities consist of Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation and Federal National Mortgage Association securities.

The amortized cost and fair value of fixed maturities at December 31, 2008 by contractual maturity are shown below. Expected maturities will differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties. The average life of mortgage backed securities is affected by prepayments on the underlying loans and, therefore, is materially shorter than the original stated maturity.

<b>DECEMBER 31, 2008</b>			
	<b>AMORTIZED COST</b>	<b>FAIR VALUE</b>	<b>% OF TOTAL FAIR VALUE</b>
	(in Thousands)		
Due in one year or less	\$ 791	\$ 787	2%
Due after one year through five years	11,901	11,648	25%
Due after five years through ten years	8,606	7,513	17%
Due after ten years	10,709	9,336	20%
	<u>32,007</u>	<u>29,284</u>	<u>64%</u>
CMO and MBS			
15 years	9,829	8,929	19%
20 years	-	-	-
30 years	7,585	7,671	17%
Total	<u>\$ 49,421</u>	<u>\$ 45,884</u>	<u>100%</u>

The following tables summarize, for all securities in an unrealized loss position at December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, the aggregate fair value and gross unrealized loss by length of time, those securities that have continuously been in an unrealized loss position (in thousands):

	<b>December 31, 2008</b>					
	<b>Less than 12 Months</b>		<b>12 Months or Longer</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Unrealized Loss</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Unrealized Losses</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Unrealized Losses</b>
<i>FIXED MATURITIES:</i>						
Corporate securities	\$ 8,998	\$ 882	\$ 10,254	\$ 2,082	\$ 19,252	\$ 2,964
CMO	1,049	291	2,666	698	3,715	989
States, municipalities and political subdivisions	1,358	99	481	48	1,839	147
U.S. Government	-	-	-	-	-	-
GSE	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mortgage-backed securities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed maturities	<u>\$ 11,405</u>	<u>\$ 1,272</u>	<u>\$ 13,401</u>	<u>\$ 2,828</u>	<u>\$ 24,806</u>	<u>\$ 4,100</u>

	<b>December 31, 2007</b>					
	<b>Less than 12 Months</b>		<b>12 Months or Longer</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Unrealized Losses</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Unrealized Losses</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Unrealized Losses</b>
<i>EQUITY SECURITIES:</i>						
Preferred stock with maturities	\$ 160	\$ 14	\$ 517	\$ 29	\$ 677	\$ 43
Preferred stock without maturities	1,013	330	1,356	147	2,369	477
Total preferred stock	<u>\$ 1,173</u>	<u>\$ 344</u>	<u>\$ 1,873</u>	<u>\$ 176</u>	<u>\$ 3,046</u>	<u>\$ 520</u>

	<b>December 31, 2007</b>					
	<b>Less than 12 Months</b>		<b>12 Months or Longer</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Unrealized Losses</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Unrealized Losses</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Unrealized Losses</b>
<i>FIXED MATURITIES:</i>						
Corporate securities	\$ 5,680	\$ 268	\$ 9,386	\$ 387	\$ 15,066	\$ 655
CMO	1,896	80	5,436	226	7,332	306
States, municipalities and political subdivisions	823	13	-	-	823	13
U.S. Government	-	-	25	-	25	-
GSE	-	-	2,892	27	2,892	27
Mortgage-backed securities	-	-	113	1	113	1
Total fixed maturities	<u>\$ 8,399</u>	<u>\$ 361</u>	<u>\$ 17,852</u>	<u>\$ 641</u>	<u>\$ 26,251</u>	<u>\$ 1,002</u>

	<b>December 31, 2007</b>					
	<b>Less than 12 Months</b>		<b>12 Months or Longer</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Unrealized Losses</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Unrealized Losses</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Unrealized Losses</b>
<i>EQUITY SECURITIES:</i>						
Preferred stock with maturities	\$ 291	\$ 6	\$ 884	\$ 98	\$ 1,175	\$ 104
Preferred stock without maturities	1,635	299	517	54	2,152	353
Total preferred stock	<u>\$ 1,926</u>	<u>\$ 305</u>	<u>\$ 1,401</u>	<u>\$ 152</u>	<u>\$ 3,327</u>	<u>\$ 457</u>

Substantially all of the unrealized losses at December 31, 2008 and 2007 relate to investment grade securities and are attributable to changes in market interest rates and general disruptions in the credit market subsequent to purchase. The unrealized losses on corporate securities are due to wider spreads. Spreads have widened as investors shifted funds to US Treasuries in response to the current market turmoil. The Company reviews its investments regularly and monitors its investments for impairments. At December 31, 2008, the Company had \$1.9 million invested in whole loan CMOs backed by Alt-A mortgages. Of this amount, 46.3% were in CMOs that originated in 2005 or earlier and 53.7% were in CMOs that originated in 2006. The Company's mortgage security portfolio has no direct exposure to sub-prime mortgages. The unrealized loss for the equity securities was primarily due to wider spreads for preferred stocks issued by financial institutions following the disruption in credit markets in late 2007 and continuing in 2008. Some of these financial institutions have exposure to sub-prime mortgages.

A total of 30 securities were in a continuous unrealized loss position for less than 12 months and 43 securities for 12 months or longer as of December 2008. A total of 24 securities were in a continuous unrealized loss position for less than 12 months and 51 securities for 12 months or longer as of December 31, 2007. For fixed maturities, there are no securities past due or securities for which the Company currently believes it is not probable that it will collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the investment.

Based on management's review of the portfolio, which considered the various factors described in Note 2 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, the Company recorded a loss of \$1,006,000 for other-than-temporary impairments for the twelve months ended December 31, 2008. This was due to the severity of the decrease in fair values and the length of time that these securities were in a loss position. The Company did not record any losses for other-than-temporary impairments for the twelve months ended December 31, 2007. The loss for the twelve months ended December 31, 2008 of \$1,006,000 represents a loss on investment grade bonds and preferred stocks of financial institutions that the Company determined to be other-than-temporary. Further deterioration in credit quality of the companies backing the securities, further deterioration in the condition of the financial services industry, a continuation of the current imbalances in liquidity that exist in the marketplace, a continuation or worsening of the current economic recession, or additional declines in real estate values may further affect the fair value of these securities and increase the potential that certain unrealized losses be designated as other-than-temporary in future periods and the Company may incur additional write-downs.

The Company had derivative instruments representing the value of the contingent payment due to EDH as of December 31, 2008 and 2007 (see Note 19 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements).

Gross gains of \$50,000 and gross losses of \$83,000 were realized on sales of available-for-sale securities for the year ended December 31, 2008.

Gross gains of \$112,000 and gross losses of \$115,000 were realized on sales of available-for-sale securities for the year ended December 31, 2007.

In the fourth quarter of 2008, the Company became aware of certain activities engaged in by the non-affiliate broker-dealer that managed a trading account of the Company. Net realized investment gains reported in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations for 2008 and 2007 includes income related to the trading account of \$142,000 and \$324,000, respectively. Short-term investments in the December 31, 2007 consolidated balance sheet include the Company's investment in the account with a carrying amount of \$4,802,000. The carrying amount of the Company's investment at the time of loss was \$2,566,000. The broker-dealer is now in bankruptcy. The Company intends to file a claim and believes it will likely recover the \$500,000

maximum amount available from the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (“SIPC”). Accordingly, the Company recorded a pre-tax loss of \$2,006,000, net of expected recoveries, in net realized investment losses in the fourth quarter of 2008 in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. While the Company may be subject to legal claims in this matter, the ultimate resolution of any such claims would not be material to its financial condition.

Major categories of net investment income for years 2008 and 2007 are summarized as follows:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Fixed maturities	\$ 2,707	\$ 2,614
Equity securities	238	257
Short-term investments	154	317
Other	484	451
Equity income (loss) - Majestic	<u>(56)</u>	<u>(28)</u>
Net investment income	<u>\$ 3,527</u>	<u>\$ 3,611</u>

Net realized investment gains (losses) for years 2008 and 2007 are as follows:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Net realized investment gains (losses):		
Fixed maturities	\$ (46)	\$ 9
Common stock	(10)	389
Preferred stock	12	(12)
Short-term investments	2	-
	<u>(42)</u>	<u>386</u>
Other than temporary impairments:		
Fixed maturities	(435)	-
Preferred stock	(571)	-
	<u>(1,006)</u>	<u>-</u>
Trading account write-off	(2,006)	-
Trading and other gains (losses)	152	(65)
Net realized investment gains (losses)	<u>\$ (2,902)</u>	<u>\$ 321</u>

## 6. Fair Value Measurements

The adoption of SFAS 157 did not have a material impact on our financial statements. SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS 157 applies whenever other standards require or permit assets or liabilities to be measured at fair value but does not expand the use of fair value in any new circumstances. In this standard, the FASB clarifies the principle that fair value should be based on the assumptions market participants

would use when pricing the asset or liability. In support of this principle, SFAS 157 establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the information used to develop those assumptions.

The valuation techniques required by SFAS 157 are based upon observable and unobservable inputs. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect our market expectations. These two types of inputs create the following fair value hierarchy:

Level 1 – Quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets.

Level 2 – Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations whose inputs are observable or whose significant value drivers are observable.

Level 3 – Instruments where significant value drivers are unobservable.

When available, we use quoted market prices to determine fair value and classify such items in Level 1. In some cases, we use quoted market prices for similar instruments in active markets and/or model-derived valuations where inputs are observable in active markets and classify such items in Level 2. When there are limited or inactive trading markets, we use industry-standard pricing methodologies, including discounted cash flow models, whose inputs are based on management assumptions and available current market information. These items are classified in Level 3. Further, we retain independent pricing vendors to assist in valuing certain instruments.

The following section describes the valuation methodologies we use to measure different financial instruments at fair value.

### **Investments in fixed maturities and equity securities**

Investments included in Level 1 are primarily equities with quoted market prices. Level 2 is primarily comprised of our portfolio of corporate fixed income securities, government agency mortgage-backed securities, government sponsored enterprises ("GSEs"), certain CMO securities, municipals and certain preferred stocks that were priced with observable market inputs. Level 3 securities consist of certain CMO securities, primarily Alt-A mortgages.

### **Derivative liability**

Financial liabilities consist of a derivative liability relating to the EDH Agreement (see Note 19 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements), and is included in Level 2. The liability is valued using market-observable inputs including market price, interest rate, and volatility within a Black-Scholes model.

The following table presents our financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2008 (in thousands):

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Financial Assets</b>				
Investment securities held for sale:				
Fixed maturities	\$ -	\$ 44,838	\$ 1,046	\$ 45,884
Equity securities	2,752	294	-	3,046
Total	<u>\$ 2,752</u>	<u>\$ 45,132</u>	<u>\$ 1,046</u>	<u>\$ 48,930</u>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>				
Derivative liability	\$ -	\$ 205	\$ -	\$ 205
Total	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 205</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 205</u>

Inputs for certain fixed maturity securities that were observable during the second and third quarters of 2008 were not unobservable at December 31, 2008 as a result of limited or inactive markets. These securities were transferred out of Level 2 and into the Level 3 category during 2008. No securities were sold or transferred out of the Level 3 category in 2008. Changes in the carrying value of Level 3 financial assets and liabilities for the year ended December 31, 2008 are summarized as follows (in thousands):

	<u>Fixed Maturities</u>
Balance at beginning of year	\$ -
Transfers into Level 3	1,080
Net unrealized losses included in accumulated other comprehensive loss	<u>(34)</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>\$ 1,046</u>

## 7. Investment in Majestic

At December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, the Company had an equity investment in Majestic with a carrying value of \$862,000 and \$918,000, respectively. For years 2008 and 2007, the Company recorded \$(56,000) and \$(28,000), respectively, for its share of income (loss) from its investment in Majestic in Net Investment Income in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

## 8. Fixed Assets

Fixed assets, which are included in other assets, consist of the following (in thousands):

	<u>As of December 31,</u>	
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 653	\$ 564
Leasehold improvements	126	126
Equipment	941	892
Total	<u>1,720</u>	<u>1,582</u>
Less: allowance for depreciation	<u>(1,571)</u>	<u>(1,546)</u>
Fixed assets, net	<u>\$ 149</u>	<u>\$ 36</u>

## 9. Discontinued Operations

Prior to becoming an insurance holding company as a result of the acquisition of Independence American Holdings Corp. ("IAHC") on November 14, 2002, the Company was a holding company principally engaged in providing internet services through its discontinued operations. The operating results of discontinued operations, when applicable, have been segregated from continuing operations and are reported as discontinued operations on the Consolidated Statements of Operations. Although it is difficult to predict the final results, the loss on disposition from discontinued operations includes management's estimates of costs to wind down the business and costs to settle its outstanding liabilities. The actual results could differ materially from these estimates. The estimated loss on disposition reserve for the discontinued operations of Intelligent Communications, Inc., ("Intellicom") is reflected in net liabilities associated with discontinued operations in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Net liabilities of \$366,000 and \$399,000 associated with discontinued operations at December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively, represent estimated closure costs of Intellicom. A loss on disposition of discontinued operations was recorded in the fourth quarter of 2008 due to the loss of rental income associated with the sublease of a property located in Livermore, California, and a re-estimation of expected expenses related to the lease. The company entered into an agreement with a third party to sublease the property in October of 2006 and estimated the income associated with the sublease in the reserve balance. Due to the insolvency of the lessee, the Company recorded a loss of \$75,000, net of tax, in the fourth quarter of 2008.

The Company believes the net liabilities for discontinued operations at December 31, 2008 adequately estimate the remaining costs associated with Intellicom discontinued operations.

## 10. Commitments and Contingencies

Fixed maturities with a carrying value of \$5,112,000 are on deposit with various state insurance departments at December 31, 2008.

The Company has operating leases for office space and certain other office equipment. These operating leases provide for minimum rents and generally include options to renew for additional periods.

Future minimum lease payments under non-cancelable operating leases as of December 31, 2008, are as follows (in thousands):

<b>Year Ending December 31,</b>	<b>Net Operating Leases</b>
2009	\$ 292
2010	180
2011	31
2012	-
2013	-
2014 and thereafter	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 503</b>

The Company's net rent expense for years 2008 and 2007 were \$412,000 and \$357,000, respectively.

The Company has additional obligations in regard to its agreement with EDH as further described in Note 19 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

### ***Legal Proceedings***

The Company is involved in legal proceedings and claims that arise in the ordinary course of its businesses. The Company has established reserves that it believes are sufficient given information presently available relating to its outstanding legal proceedings and claims. The Company does not anticipate that the result of any pending legal proceeding or claim will have a material adverse effect on its financial condition or cash flows, although there could be such an effect on its results of operations for any particular period.

## **11. Share-Based Compensation**

### ***1998 Stock Incentive Plan ("1998 Plan")***

Effective October 1, 1998, the Company implemented the 1998 Plan, which the Company's stockholders approved on April 13, 1999. The 1998 Plan provided for the grants of non-statutory and incentive stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock awards, performance shares, and other awards to officers, employee and other individuals. Under the terms of the 1998 Plan, stock options have a maximum term of ten years from the date of grant, and have various vesting criteria depending on the grant with most grants vesting 25% on the first year anniversary date of the grant and ratably over the next 36 months. The 1998 Plan, which expired by its terms on October 7, 2008, had reserved for issuance a total of 7,154,198 common stock shares. At December 31, 2008, stock options for 419,817 common stock shares were outstanding, stock options for 380,864 common stock shares were vested, and 6,550,556 common stock shares that had not been issued remained available for future stock options grants and other awards. Awards made under the 1998 Plan prior to its expiration are still in effect.

Total share-based compensation expense was \$143,000 and \$231,000 for the twelve months ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Related tax benefits of \$50,000 and \$81,000 for the twelve months ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. As of December 31, 2008, there was approximately \$132,000 of total unrecognized compensation expense related to non-vested options which will be recognized over the remaining requisite service periods.

### ***Stock Options***

The following table summarizes the outstanding options to purchase common stock shares for years 2008 and 2007:

<u>Outstanding Options</u>		
	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Weighted Average Exercise Price</u>
<b>Balance, December 31, 2006</b>	491,500	15.00
Granted	35,334	10.78
Exercised	(45,001)	5.28
Expired	(23,334)	30.56
Forfeited	(15,000)	9.67
<b>Balance, December 31, 2007</b>	443,499	15.02
Granted	13,334	6.35
Expired	(37,016)	19.17
<b>Balance, December 31, 2008</b>	<u>419,817</u>	<u>\$ 14.37</u>

The following table summarizes information regarding outstanding and exercisable options as of December 31, 2008:

	<u>Outstanding</u>	<u>Exercisable</u>
Number of options	419,817	380,864
Weighted average exercise price per share	\$ 14.37	\$ 14.86
Aggregate intrinsic value of options	\$ -	\$ -
Weighted average contractual term remaining	4.66 years	4.27 years

The fair value of each stock option on the date of grant was estimated using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions for years 2008 and 2007:

	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>	
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Volatility	21.42%	21.11%
Risk-free interest rate	4.00%	4.76%
Dividend yield	-	-
Expected lives in years	5.00	5.00
Weighted average fair value	\$ 2.56	\$ 4.46

### **Restricted Stock**

The Company issued 12,000 restricted stock awards during the twelve months ended December 31, 2008, with a weighted average grant-date fair value of \$6.92 per share. No restricted stock awards were issued in 2007. Restricted stock expense was \$15,000 and \$0 for the twelve months ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

The following table summarizes restricted stock activity for the twelve months ended December 31, 2008:

	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Weighted Average Grant-Date Fair Value</u>
<b>Balance, December 31, 2007</b>	-	\$ -
Granted	<u>12,000</u>	<u>6.92</u>
<b>Balance, December 31, 2008</b>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>\$ 6.92</u>

As of December 31, 2008, there was approximately \$68,000 of total unrecognized compensation expense related to non-vested restricted stock which will be recognized over the remaining requisite service periods.

## 12. Related Party Transactions

Independence American is primarily a reinsurer, and currently derives most of its business from pro rata quota share reinsurance treaties with Standard Security Life and Madison National Life, which are wholly owned subsidiaries of IHC. These treaties were entered into in 2002 and terminate on December 31, 2014, unless terminated sooner by Independence American. Standard Security Life and Madison National Life must cede at least 15% of their medical stop-loss business to Independence American under these treaties. Additionally, Standard Security Life and Madison National Life have received regulatory approval to cede up to 30% to Independence American under most of IHC's medical stop-loss programs. For the twelve months ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, Standard Security Life and Madison National Life ceded an average of approximately 23% of their medical stop-loss business to Independence American. Commencing in July 2004, Independence American began reinsuring 20% of Standard Security Life's DBL business. Standard Security Life and Madison National Life ceded approximately 8.9% of the majority of its fully insured health business to Independence American.

Independence American assumes these premiums from Standard Security Life and Madison National Life, and records related insurance income, expenses, assets and liabilities. Independence American pays administrative fees and commissions to subsidiaries of IHC in connection with fully insured health business written by Independence American. Additionally, our MGUs market, underwrite and provide administrative services, and ECA provides medical management and claims adjudication, for a substantial portion of the medical stop-loss business written by the insurance subsidiaries of IHC. Our MGUs and ECA record related income, assets and liabilities in connection with that business. Such related party information is disclosed on the Consolidated Balance Sheets and Consolidated Statements of Operations. The Company also contracts for several types of insurance coverage (e.g. directors and officers and professional liability coverage) jointly with IHC. The cost of this coverage is split proportionally between the Company and IHC according to the type of risk and the Company's portion is recorded in Selling, General and Administrative Expenses.

IHC provides the Company with pro rata quota share reinsurance on business written by Independence American. In June 2008, Independence American began ceding 30% of its direct stop-loss business sold through Marlton to Madison National Life. In addition, in 2008, Independence American ceded 50% of its STM and major medical for individuals and families business to unrelated reinsurers. Independence American incurs an administration expense on its retained share of major medical for individual and families business that is paid to Insurers Administrative Corporation, a subsidiary of IHC.

The Company and its subsidiaries incurred expense of \$805,000 and \$776,000 for the twelve months ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively, from service agreements with IHC and its subsidiaries. These payments reimburse IHC and its subsidiaries, at agreed upon rates including an overhead factor, for management services provided to the Company and its subsidiaries, including accounting, legal, compliance, underwriting, and claims.

### 13. Income Taxes

The Company and its subsidiaries file a consolidated federal income tax return on a September 30 fiscal tax year. The provision for income taxes for the periods ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 are as follows:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
<b>CURRENT:</b>		
U.S. Federal	\$ (1)	\$ 19
State and local	12	51
	<u>11</u>	<u>70</u>
<b>DEFERRED:</b>		
U.S. Federal	497	518
State and local	123	103
	<u>620</u>	<u>621</u>
	<u>\$ 631</u>	<u>\$ 691</u>

Taxes computed at the federal statutory rate of 35% for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 are reconciled to the Company's actual income tax expense as follows:

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Tax computed at the statutory rate	\$ 585	\$ 640
Dividends received deduction and tax exempt interest	(46)	(44)
State and local income taxes, net of federal effect	88	100
Other, net	4	(5)
Income tax	<u>\$ 631</u>	<u>\$ 691</u>

The federal income tax provision for the periods ending December 31, 2008 and 2007 include income tax provisions of \$497,000 and \$518,000, respectively, for the utilization of the Company's federal NOL carryforwards. The Company recorded deferred tax benefits on discontinued operations of \$40,000 and \$0 for the periods ending December 31, 2008 and 2007, which were included in Loss on Disposition of Discontinued Operations, net of tax, in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

The tax effect of temporary differences that give rise to significant portions of the net deferred tax assets at December 31, 2008 and 2007 are as follows:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
	(In thousands)	
<b>DEFERRED TAX ASSETS:</b>		
Net liabilities associated with discontinued operations	\$ 147	\$ 160
Investments	670	644
Unpaid accruals	161	161
Property and equipment	141	141
Other	12	9
Compensation accruals	1,011	1,340
Goodwill	(48)	198
Derivative liability	454	227
Insurance reserves	207	203
Unrealized securities losses	1,412	413
Net operating loss carryforwards	<u>98,794</u>	<u>98,371</u>
Total gross deferred tax assets	102,961	101,867
Less valuation allowance	<u>(87,515)</u>	<u>(87,101)</u>
Net deferred tax assets	<u>15,446</u>	<u>14,766</u>
 <b>DEFERRED TAX LIABILITIES:</b>		
MGU partnership income	<u>(2,862)</u>	<u>(2,311)</u>
Total gross deferred tax liabilities	<u>(2,862)</u>	<u>(2,311)</u>
Net deferred tax asset	<u>\$ 12,584</u>	<u>\$ 12,455</u>

During the year ended December 31, 2008 the Company increased its valuation allowance by \$414,000. This increase included \$999,000 representing an increase of deferred tax on unrealized losses allocated to equity, offset by reductions of \$436,000 for the acquisition of 20% of Marlton and \$149,000 for the 51% acquisition of IPA, both of which were allocated to goodwill. During the year ended December 31, 2007 the Company reduced its valuation allowance by \$3,000 representing a decrease of deferred tax on unrealized losses allocated to equity.

In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during the period in which those temporary differences become deductible. Management considers the scheduled reversal of deferred tax liabilities, projected future taxable income, and tax planning strategies in making this assessment. Management believes that it is more likely than not that the Company will realize the benefits of these net deferred tax assets recorded at December 31, 2008.

At December 31, 2008, the Company had federal NOL carryforwards of approximately \$276,340,000 which expire as follows (in thousands).

<b>Tax Year:</b>		
2019	\$	19,671
2020		70,827
2021		142,530
2022		41,252
2023		528
2024		2
2025		-
2026		354
2027		-
2028		1,176
	\$	<u>276,340</u>

At December 31, 2008, the Company also had NOL carryforwards of approximately \$25,814,000 for state income tax purposes, primarily in the State of California. Management believes that it is more likely than not that the state tax benefit of these net operating loss carryforwards will not be realized.

The IRS has completed their audit of the Company's 2003 and 2004 consolidated income tax returns in the third quarter of 2008 and made no changes to the reported tax for those periods. As the NOL carryforwards are utilized by AMIC, the amount of our NOL carryforwards could be reduced upon audit by the IRS for those tax years open for assessment under the statute of limitations.

AMIC's ability to utilize its federal NOL carryforwards would be substantially reduced if AMIC were to undergo an "ownership change" within the meaning of Section 382(g)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code. AMIC will be treated as having had an "ownership change" if there is more than a 50% increase in stock ownership during a three year "testing period" by "5% stockholders." In order to reduce the risk of an ownership change, in November 2002, AMIC's stockholders approved an amendment to its certificate of incorporation restricting transfers of shares of its common stock that could result in the imposition of limitations on the use, for federal, state and city income tax purposes, of AMIC's NOL carryforwards and certain federal income tax credits. The certificate of incorporation generally restricts any person from attempting to sell, transfer or dispose, or purchase or acquire any AMIC stock, if such transfer would affect the percentage of AMIC stock owned by a 5% stockholder. Any person attempting such a transfer will be required, prior to the date of any proposed transfer, to request in writing that the board of directors review the proposed transfer and authorize or not authorize such proposed transfer. Any transfer attempted to be made in violation of the stock transfer restrictions will be null and void. In the event of an attempted or purported transfer involving a sale or disposition of capital stock in violation of stock transfer restrictions, the transferor will remain the owner of such shares. Notwithstanding such transfer restrictions, there could be circumstances under which an issuance by AMIC of a significant number of new shares of Common Stock or other new class of equity security having certain characteristics (for example, the right to vote or convert into Common Stock) might result in an ownership change under the Code.

#### **14. Insurance Reserves**

The Company maintains loss reserves to cover its estimated liability for unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses, including legal and other fees and a portion of the Company's general expenses, for reported and unreported claims incurred as of the end of each accounting period. These loss reserves are based on actuarial assumptions and are maintained at levels that are in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Many factors could affect these reserves, including economic and social conditions, inflation, healthcare costs, changes in doctrines of legal liability and damage

awards in litigation. Therefore, the Company's reserves are necessarily based on estimates, assumptions and analysis of historical experience. The Company's results depend upon the variation between actual claims experience and the assumptions used in determining reserves and pricing products. Reserve assumptions and estimates require significant judgment and, therefore are inherently uncertain. The Company cannot determine with precision the ultimate amounts that will be paid for actual claims or the timing of those payments.

Reserves are based on approved actuarial methods, but necessarily include assumptions about expenses, mortality, morbidity, lapse rates and future yield on related investments.

All of the Company's short-duration contracts are generated from its accident and health business, and are accounted for based on actuarial estimates of the amount of loss inherent in that period's claims, including losses incurred for which claims have not been reported. Short-duration contract loss estimates rely on actuarial observations of ultimate loss experience for similar historical events.

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Balance at a beginning of period	\$ 32,311	\$ 22,504
Less: reinsurance recoverables	<u>(3,768)</u>	<u>(4,439)</u>
Net balance at beginning of period	<u>28,543</u>	<u>18,065</u>
Amount incurred:		
Current year	70,238	75,654
Prior years	<u>(124)</u>	<u>2,964</u>
Total	<u>70,114</u>	<u>78,618</u>
Amount paid, related to:		
Current year	43,558	48,861
Prior years	<u>26,282</u>	<u>19,279</u>
Total	<u>69,840</u>	<u>68,140</u>
Net balance at end of period	<u>28,817</u>	<u>28,543</u>
Plus: reinsurance recoverables	<u>3,943</u>	<u>3,768</u>
Balance at end of period	<u>\$ 32,760</u>	<u>\$ 32,311</u>

The preceding schedule reflects (i) due and unpaid claims, (ii) claims in the course of settlement, (iii) estimated incurred but not reported reserves and (iv) the present value of amounts not yet due on claims. The incurred and paid data above reflects all activity for the year. The amount incurred in 2008 for prior years of \$(124,000) is a result of a redundancy of \$301,000 of DBL reserves, offset by the re-estimation of unpaid losses on fully insured health reserves of \$177,000. The amount incurred in 2007 for prior years of \$2,964,000 is a result of the re-estimation of unpaid losses on medical stop-loss reserves of \$2,778,000 and of fully insured health reserves of \$438,000, slightly offset by a redundancy of \$252,000 of DBL reserves. Fluctuations are generally the result of on-going analysis of recent loss development trends.

Medical stop-loss business is excess coverage with a short duration. Predicting ultimate claims and estimating reserves in medical stop-loss is especially complicated due to the "excess of loss" nature of these products with very high deductibles applying to specific claims on any individual claimant and in the aggregate for a given group. Fluctuations in results for specific coverage are primarily due to the severity and frequency of individual claims. Due to the short-term nature of medical stop-loss, redundancies and deficiencies will typically emerge during the following year rather than over a number of years. In the third quarter of 2007, the Company

identified a material increase in claims and reserves with respect to business written in 2006. Such adverse development was primarily driven by the frequency of claims relative to the business written in that year proving significantly higher than what would have been predicted by prior loss development patterns. This increased frequency of medical stop-loss claims was due, in part, to increased severity of primary claims.

## 15. Reinsurance

Independence American reinsures a portion of its direct business in order to limit the assumption of disproportionate risks. Amounts not retained are ceded to other companies on an automatic basis. Independence American is contingently liable with respect to reinsurance in the unlikely event that the assuming reinsurers are unable to meet their obligations. The ceding of reinsurance does not discharge the primary liability of the original insurer to the insured. At December 31, 2008, Independence American ceded to highly rated reinsurers.

The effect of reinsurance on insurance benefits and premiums earned is as follows (in thousands):

	<u>DIRECT AMOUNT</u>	<u>ASSUMED FROM OTHER COMPANIES</u>	<u>CEDED TO OTHER COMPANIES</u>		<u>NET AMOUNT</u>	<u>% OF AMOUNT ASSUMED TO NET</u>
<b><u>Insurance Benefits:</u></b>						
Year ended December 31, 2008	\$ 24,684	\$ 46,430	\$ 1,000		\$ 70,114	66%
Year ended December 31, 2007	19,095	59,278	(245) (a)		78,618	75%
<b><u>Premiums Earned:</u></b>						
Year ended December 31, 2008	\$ 32,342	\$ 66,911	\$ 2,269		\$ 96,984	69%
Year ended December 31, 2007	27,039	79,316	255		106,100	75%

(a) Primarily represents a release of reserves relating to provider excess business ceded that experienced a lower loss ratio than reserved in the prior year.

## 16. Dividend Restrictions on Insurance Subsidiary

Dividends from Independence American to its parent, a subsidiary of AMIC, are subject to the prior notification to the Delaware Insurance Commissioner, if such dividends, together with the fair market value of other dividends or distributions made within the preceding twelve months, exceed the greater of (i) 10% of surplus as regards policyholders as of the preceding December 31 or (ii) net income, not including realized capital gains, for the twelve-month period ending the December 31 next preceding. Such dividends may be paid as long as they have not been disapproved by the Delaware Insurance Commissioner within 30 days of its receipt of notice thereof. Independence American did not pay any dividends in 2008 and 2007.

Independence American's statutory surplus was \$40,365,000 (unaudited) as of December 31, 2008 and \$41,353,000 as of December 31, 2007. Independence American's statutory net income was \$2,323,000 (unaudited) for 2008 and \$1,325,000 for 2007.

## 17. Segment Information

Our MGUs are no longer managed separately as the majority of their business is written by affiliates and is integrated in the management of our stop-loss line of business. Therefore, the Company has reported the current period's financial information as one segment with three lines of business.

## 18. Other Comprehensive Income

The components of total comprehensive income, net of tax, include net income and certain amounts reported directly in equity, such as the after-tax unrealized gains and losses on investment securities available-for-sale. The components of other comprehensive income for years 2008 and 2007 are as follows:

	Net of tax	
	2008	2007
	(In thousands)	
Unrealized holding losses arising during the period	\$ (3,891)	\$ (16)
Less: reclassification adjustment for (gains) losses included in net income	1,038	3
Net unrealized losses on securities	<u>\$ (2,853)</u>	<u>\$ (13)</u>

## 19. Marketing Agreements

In February 2006, Independence American entered into an agreement (the "EDH Agreement") with Employers Direct Health, Inc. ("EDH"). Under the EDH Agreement, EDH began writing employer medical stop-loss for Independence American in 2006, and moved the majority of its existing block of employer-sponsored group major medical and medical stop-loss to Independence American during 2007. The employer-sponsored group major medical product is part of the Company's fully insured health line of business. Independence American paid EDH \$2,500,000, which EDH simultaneously paid to IHC in consideration of IHC issuing 125,000 shares of IHC common stock ("IHC Stock") to EDH. As part of the EDH Agreement, an affiliate of EDH and Independence American agreed to a profit/loss sharing arrangement whereby Independence American will pay to, or receive from, such affiliate 35% of the underwriting profit or loss of the business written by Independence American. Accordingly, the Company has recorded a profit sharing commission expense on the business underwritten in the twelve months period ended December 31, 2008. The IHC stock is held by Independence American as collateral to satisfy EDH's obligation under the profit/loss sharing agreement.

The EDH Agreement terminates on December 31, 2011; provided, it will automatically be extended to December 31, 2016, subject to satisfaction of certain conditions as to premium volume and profitability. Assuming these conditions are satisfied, EDH would be entitled to up to an additional \$2,500,000 depending on the value of the IHC Stock as of December 31, 2011. The Company recorded a derivative liability ("EDH Derivative") and an intangible asset on its balance sheet in the amount of \$743,000 to account for the fair value of such contingent payment at closing. The fair value of the EDH Derivative is evaluated each quarter and the corresponding changes in unrealized gains or losses are reported in other income (loss) in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. As of December 31, 2008, the value of the EDH Derivative was \$205,000. The value of the EDH Derivative decreased \$1,043,000 for the twelve months ended December 31, 2008. If the EDH Agreement is extended to December 31, 2016, subject to satisfaction of certain further conditions as to premium volume and profitability, EDH would be entitled to up to an additional \$5,000,000 depending on the value of the IHC Stock as of December 31, 2016. In addition, EDH could be entitled to a \$1,000,000 bonus on December 31, 2013, subject to satisfaction of certain conditions as to premium volume and profitability.

The Company has classified the \$2,500,000 payment and \$743,000 original value of the EDH Derivative as an intangible asset that will be amortized over the five year contract period.

Such amortization started January 1, 2007 to coincide with the transfer of business on January 1, 2007.

**Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure**

None

**Item 9A (T). Controls and Procedures**

*Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures*

A review and evaluation was performed by management under the supervision and with the participation of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures, as required by Rule 13a-15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as of December 31, 2008. Based upon that most recent evaluation, which was completed as of the end of the period covered by this Form 10-K, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective at December 31, 2008 to ensure that information required to be disclosed in reports that the Company files under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and timely reported as provided in the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") rules and forms. As a result of this evaluation, there were no significant deficiencies in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the twelve months ended December 31, 2008 that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

*Management Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting*

Management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting as defined in Rules 13a-15(b) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as a process designed by, or under the supervision of the Company's principal executive and principal financial officers and effected by the Company's board, management and other personnel to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP, US") and includes those policies and procedures that:

- pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of a company;

- provide reasonable assurance that the transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP, US and that receipts and expenditures of a company are being made only in accordance with authorization of management and directors of a company; and

- provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of a company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of the inherent limitations of internal control over financial reporting, including the possibility of human error and the circumvention or overriding of controls, material misstatements may not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. Projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risks that controls may become inadequate because of changes and conditions or that the degree of compliance with policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Accordingly, even internal controls determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in and reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and represented within the time periods required.

Management's report was not subject to attestation by the Company's registered public accounting firm pursuant to temporary rules of the SEC that permit the Company to provide only management's report in this annual report. As a result, this annual report does not include an attestation report of the Company's registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting.

#### *Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting*

There has been no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the year ended December 31, 2008, that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

#### **Item 9B. Other Information**

None

### **PART III**

#### **Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance**

The information required by this Item is hereby incorporated by reference from our definitive proxy statement relating to the annual meeting of AMIC's stockholders to be held in June 2009, which definitive proxy statement will be filed with the SEC.

Our written Code of Business Ethics and Corporate Code of Conduct may be found on our website, [www.americanindependencecorp.com](http://www.americanindependencecorp.com), under the Corporate Information / Corporate Governance tabs. Collectively, the two Codes apply to all of our directors, officers and employees, including our principal executive officer and our senior financial officers. Any amendment to or waiver from either of the Codes will be posted to the same location on our website, to the extent such disclosure is legally required.

#### **Item 11. Executive Compensation**

The information required by this Item is hereby incorporated by reference from our definitive proxy statement relating to the annual meeting of AMIC's stockholders to be held in June 2009, which definitive proxy statement will be filed with the SEC.

#### **Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters**

The information required by this Item is hereby incorporated by reference from our definitive proxy statement relating to the annual meeting of AMIC's stockholders to be held in June 2009, which definitive proxy statement will be filed with the SEC.

#### **Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence**

The information required by this Item is hereby incorporated by reference from our definitive proxy statement relating to the annual meeting of AMIC's stockholders to be held in June 2009, which definitive proxy statement will be filed with the SEC.

**Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services**

The information required by this Item is hereby incorporated by reference from our definitive proxy statement relating to the annual meeting of AMIC's stockholders to be held in June 2009, which definitive proxy statement will be filed with the SEC.

**PART IV**

**Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules**

**(a) Financial Statements and Exhibits**

*\* (1) Financial Statement Schedules.*

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\* All other schedules have been omitted as they are not applicable or not required, or the information is included in the Consolidated Financial Statements or Notes thereto.

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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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 on March 16, 2009.

### AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE CORP.

#### Signature

<u>/s/ Roy T.K. Thung</u> <b>(Roy T.K. Thung)</b>	President, and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)
<u>/S/ Teresa A. Herbert</u> <b>(Teresa A. Herbert)</b>	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities on March 16, 2009.

#### Signature

<u>/s/ Edward A. Bennett</u> <b>(Edward A. Bennett)</b>	Director
<u>/s/ Edward Netter</u> <b>(Edward Netter)</b>	Director
<u>/s/ Ronald I. Simon</u> <b>(Ronald I. Simon)</b>	Director
<u>/s/ Roy T. K. Thung</u> <b>(Roy. T.K. Thung)</b>	Director
<u>/s/ Myron M. Picoult</u> <b>(Myron M. Picoult)</b>	Director
<u>/s/ Martin E. Winter</u> <b>(Martin E. Winter)</b>	Director

**AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**  
**Item 15(A) (3)**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description of Document</u>
2.1	Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of July 30, 2002, between Registrant, SSH Corporation and Independence Holding Company. Incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.1 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated July 31, 2002
3.1	Second Amended and restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the registrant's Annual Report on form 10K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2002.
3.2	Amended By-Laws of the Registrant. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the registrant's Annual Report on form 10K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2002.
4.1	Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of July 30, 2002, between Registrant and Madison Investors Corporation. Incorporated by reference to exhibit 4.1 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated July 31, 2002.
4.2	Stock Agreement, dated as of July 30, 2002, between Registrant, Independence Holding Company and Madison Investors Corporation. Incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.2 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated July 31, 2002.
4.3	Rights Agreement, dated as of July 30, 2002, between Registrant and Mellon Investor Services LLC which includes the form of Certificate of Designations of the Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock of Registrant as Exhibit A, the form of Right Certificate as Exhibit B and the Summary of Rights to Purchase Preferred Shares as Exhibit C. Incorporated by reference to exhibit 4.1 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated July 31, 2002.
10.1	Services Agreement, dated as of November 15, 2002, by and between American Independence Corp. and Independence Holding Company. Incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.2 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 14, 2002.
10.2	Agency Agreement, dated February 22, 2006, between the Registrant and First Integrated Health, Inc. Incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.2 of the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005.
10.3	Registrant's 1998 Stock Incentive Plan Incorporated by reference to exhibit 99.1 of the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8 dated May 10, 1999.
10.4	Registrant's 1999 Supplemental Stock Incentive Plan. Incorporated by reference to exhibit 99.1 of the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8 dated June 8, 1999.
10.5	Binding Letter Agreement, dated as of November 7, 2006, by and among Independence American Insurance Company, Insurers Administrative Corporation and Mr. Peter W. Nauert d.b.a. Independent Producers Agency, Inc.
10.6	Contribution Agreement dated April 15, 2008 by and among Independent Producers of America, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Registrant, Insurance Producers Group of America, Inc., Insurance Producers of America Agency, Inc. and Independent Producers of America Agency, Inc. Incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.1 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 22, 2008.
21.1	Subsidiaries of the Registrant
23.1	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
31.1	Certification of President and Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

SCHEDULE I

**AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS – OTHER THAN INVESTMENTS IN RELATED PARTIES**  
**AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008**  
(In thousands)

TYPE OF INVESTMENT	AMORTIZED COST	FAIR VALUE	AMOUNT SHOWN ON BALANCE SHEET
<b>FIXED MATURITIES:</b>			
<b>BONDS:</b>			
Corporate securities	\$ 20,251	\$ 17,992	\$ 17,992
Public Utilities	4,370	3,793	3,793
Collateralized mortgage obligations (CMO)	8,470	7,527	7,527
States, municipalities and political subdivisions	2,513	2,387	2,387
U.S. Government	4,873	5,112	5,112
Government sponsored enterprise (GSE)	2,801	2,850	2,850
Agency mortgage backed pass through securities (MBS)	6,143	6,223	6,223
<b>TOTAL FIXED MATURITIES</b>	<b>49,421</b>	<b>45,884</b>	<b>45,884</b>
<b>NON-REDEEMABLE PREFERRED STOCKS</b>			
	3,566	3,046	3,046
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	3,917	3,917	3,917
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 56,904</b>	<b>\$ 52,847</b>	<b>\$ 52,847</b>

**SCHEDULE II**

**AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE CORP.  
BALANCE SHEETS  
(PARENT COMPANY ONLY)  
(In thousands)**

	<b>As of December 31,</b>	
	<b>200</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,209	\$ 267
Short-term investments	-	4,786
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	-	2,083
Investments in continuing consolidated subsidiaries	68,932	65,648
Other receivables	565	-
Other assets	477	435
Deferred tax asset	12,584	12,455
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 83,767</b>	<b>\$ 85,674</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Accounts payable and other liabilities	\$ 469	\$ 598
Net liabilities associated with discontinued operations	366	399
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>997</b>
<b>STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Preferred stock (none issued)	-	-
Common stock, 9,181,793 shares issued, respectively; 8,503,989 shares outstanding, respectively	92	92
Paid-in capital	479,783	479,640
Accumulated other comprehensive loss:		
Unrealized loss on investments, net	(4,057)	(1,204)
Treasury stock, at cost, 677,804 shares, respectively	(8,112)	(8,112)
Accumulated deficit	(384,774)	(385,739)
<b>TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>82,932</b>	<b>84,677</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 83,767</b>	<b>\$ 85,674</b>

The financial information of American Independence Corp. (Parent Company Only) should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto.

**SCHEDULE II**

(Continued)

**AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE CORP.  
STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS  
(PARENT COMPANY ONLY)  
(In thousands)**

	<b>YEAR ENDED</b>	
	<b>DECEMBER 31,</b>	
	<u><b>2008</b></u>	<u><b>2007</b></u>
<b>REVENUES:</b>		
Net investment income	\$ 82	\$ 243
Net realized investment gains	(1,863)	324
Other income	71	-
	<u>(1,710)</u>	<u>567</u>
 <b>EXPENSES:</b>		
General and administrative expenses and other	<u>1,486</u>	<u>1,440</u>
	<u>1,486</u>	<u>1,440</u>
Loss before income tax expense	(3,196)	(873)
Income tax benefit	<u>(1,102)</u>	<u>(282)</u>
Loss before equity in net income of subsidiaries	(2,094)	(591)
Equity in net income of subsidiaries, net of tax	<u>3,134</u>	<u>1,729</u>
Income from continuing operations	1,040	1,138
Discontinued Operations:		
Loss on disposition of discontinued operations, net of tax	<u>(75)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 965</u>	<u>\$ 1,138</u>

The financial information of American Independence Corp. (Parent Company Only) should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto.

**SCHEDULE II**

(Continued)

**AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE CORP.  
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
(PARENT COMPANY ONLY)  
(In thousands)**

	<b>YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net income	\$ 965	\$ 1,138
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided from operating activities:		
Deferred tax expense	620	621
Equity in net income of subsidiaries	(3,134)	(1,729)
Net realized investment (gains)	1,863	(324)
Loss from discontinued operations	75	-
Non-cash compensation expense	143	231
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Net sales of trading securities	142	324
Change in deferred tax asset	(708)	(103)
Change in other assets and liabilities	(325)	(111)
	(359)	47
Net cash provided by (used by) operating activities of continuing operations		
Net cash used by operating activities of discontinued operations	(148)	(156)
Net cash used by operating activities	(507)	(109)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Decrease in investments in and advances to consolidated subsidiaries	2,255	1,763
Acquisition of subsidiaries	(5,257)	(430)
Net (purchases) sales of short-term investments	2,368	(390)
Net (purchases) sales of securities under resale and repurchase agreements	2,083	(903)
	1,449	40
Net cash provided by investing activities		
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Exercise of common stock options	-	237
	-	237
Net cash provided by financing activities		
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	942	168
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	267	99
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 1,209	\$ 267
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION:</b>		
Cash paid during the period for:		
Income taxes	\$ 108	\$ 97

The financial information of American Independence Corp. (Parent Company Only) should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto.

SCHEDULE III

**AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY INSURANCE INFORMATION**  
(In thousands)

	INSURANCE RESERVES	UNEARNED PREMIUMS	PREMIUMS EARNED	NET INVESTMENT INCOME (1)	INSURANCE BENEFITS, CLAIMS AND RESERVES	SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES (2)	PREMIUMS WRITTEN
<b>YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008:</b>							
Independence American:							
Medical stop-loss	\$ 22,953	-	\$ 54,574	2,273	\$ 37,838	\$ 16,958	\$ 54,574
Fully Insured Health	9,157	120	38,975	715	30,370	8,430	38,950
DBL	650	80	3,435	76	1,906	999	3,423
Total Independence American	32,760	200	96,984	3,064	70,114	26,387	96,947
MGU Subs and Agencies	-	-	-	380	-	12,448	-
Corporate	-	-	-	83	-	1,428	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 32,760</b>	<b>\$ 200</b>	<b>\$ 96,984</b>	<b>\$ 3,527</b>	<b>\$ 70,114</b>	<b>\$ 40,263</b>	<b>\$ 96,947</b>
<b>YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007:</b>							
Independence American:							
Medical stop-loss	\$ 24,195	-	\$ 63,483	2,416	\$ 47,567	\$ 18,646	\$ 63,483
Fully Insured Health	7,414	105	39,136	566	28,830	9,129	39,110
DBL	702	132	3,481	92	2,221	1,044	3,613
Total Independence American	32,311	237	106,100	3,074	78,618	28,819	106,206
MGU Subs and Agencies	-	-	-	292	-	7,257	-
Corporate	-	-	-	245	-	1,387	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 32,311</b>	<b>\$ 237</b>	<b>\$ 106,100</b>	<b>\$ 3,611</b>	<b>\$ 78,616</b>	<b>\$ 37,463</b>	<b>\$ 106,206</b>

(1) Net investment income is allocated between product lines based on the mean reserve method.  
(2) Where possible, direct operating expenses are specifically identified and charged to product lines. Indirect expenses are allocated based on time studies; however, other acceptable methods of allocation might produce different results.

**AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE CORP.**  
**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**SCHEDULE V – VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS**  
(In thousands)

	<u>Balance at Beginning Of Period</u>	<u>Charged to Costs and Expenses</u>	<u>Charged to Other Accounts</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance at End of Period</u>
<b>Valuation Allowance on Deferred Tax Asset:</b>					
Year ended December 31, 2008	\$ 87,101	\$ 999	\$ -	\$ 585 (c)	\$ 87,515
Year ended December 31, 2007	\$ 87,104	\$ (3)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 87,101
<b>Net Liabilities Associated with Discontinued Operations:</b>					
Year ended December 31, 2008	\$ 399	\$ 115 (b)	\$ -	\$ 148 (a)	\$ 366
Year ended December 31, 2007	\$ 555	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 156 (a)	\$ 399

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(a) Amounts written off and payments applied, net of receipts.

(b) Expected payments were more than original reserve estimate.

(c) \$436 of this reduction is due to the acquisition of 20% of Marlton, the remaining \$149 is due to the acquisition of 51% of IPA, both occurring in April 2008.

## **CORPORATE INFORMATION**

### ***Transfer Agent***

- Please direct communications regarding individual stock records and address changes to: Registrar and Transfer Company, 10 Commerce Drive, Cranford, NJ 07016 (website: [www.rtco.com](http://www.rtco.com)). You can call our transfer agent at (800) 368-5948.

### ***Investor Relations***

- Securities analysts and investors should contact Investor Relations by writing to the Company's headquarters or by calling (212) 355-4141 x 3047.

### ***Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm***

- KPMG LLP, 345 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10154.

### ***Corporate Headquarters***

- Our corporate headquarters are located at 485 Madison Ave., 14th Floor, New York, New York 10022.

### ***Corporate Governance***

- The Company maintains a website at [www.americanindependencecorp.com](http://www.americanindependencecorp.com). Visitors to the Company website can view and print copies of the Company's SEC filings, including Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K, as soon as reasonably practicable after those filings are made with the SEC. Copies of the Company's Code of Business Ethics and Corporate Code of Conduct are available through the Company website. Alternatively, shareholders may obtain, without charge, copies of all of these documents, as well as additional copies of this report, by writing to Investor Relations at the Company's headquarters. Please note that the information contained on Company's website is not incorporated by reference in, or considered to be a part of, this document.

## LEADERSHIP INFORMATION

### Directors:

**Mr. Edward A. Bennett**  
President,  
Bennett Media Collaborative

**Mr. Edward Netter**  
Chairman,  
Independence Holding Company

**Mr. Myron M. Picoult**  
Independent Insurance Consultant

**Mr. Ronald I. Simon**  
Independent Financial Consultant

**Mr. Roy T.K. Thung**  
Chief Executive Officer and President,  
Independence Holding Company

**Mr. Martin E. Winter**  
Managing Director,  
Alvarez & Marsal LLC

### Executive Officers:

**Mr. Roy T.K. Thung**  
Chief Executive Officer and  
President

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**Mr. David T. Kettig**  
Chief Operating Officer and  
Senior Vice President

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**Mr. Bernon R. Erickson, Jr.**  
Chief Health Actuary and  
Senior Vice President

**Ms. Teresa A. Herbert**  
Chief Financial Officer and  
Senior Vice President

**Mr. Jeffrey C. Smedsrud**  
Chief Marketing and Strategy Officer and  
Senior Vice President

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**Mr. Henry B. Spencer**  
Vice President — Investments

**Mr. Adam C. Vandervoort**  
Vice President, General Counsel and  
Secretary

### Additional Officers:

**Mr. Gary J. Balzofiore**  
Vice President – Finance

**Mr. Paul R. Janerico**  
Vice President – Internal Audit

**Mr. Brian R. Schlier**  
Vice President – Tax

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**Mr. John C. Morris**  
Controller and Assistant Secretary