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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement INDEPENDENT BANK CORP [INDB] A Cozzone Robert D (Month/Day/Year) 09/05/2013 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 288 UNION STREET (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person ROCKLAND. MAÂ 02370 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One CFO and Treasurer Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 12,269.7205 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

 $Table\ II\ -\ Derivative\ Securities\ Beneficially\ Owned\ (\textit{e.g.},\ puts,\ calls,\ warrants,\ options,\ convertible\ securities)$

1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisab	le and	3. Title and A	Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
Security	Expiration Date		, E		Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)				or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative	Security:	
					Security	Direct (D)	
						or Indirect	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
NQ - Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/15/2007(1)	02/15/2017	Common Stock	4,000	\$ 32.995	D	Â
NQ - Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/15/2005(2)	12/09/2014	Common Stock	3,333	\$ 34.18	D	Â
NQ - Stock Option (Right to Buy)	06/09/2005(2)	12/09/2014	Common Stock	682	\$ 34.18	D	Â
NQ - Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/14/2009(3)	02/14/2018	Common Stock	4,500	\$ 28.27	D	Â
NQ - Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/02/2012(4)	02/10/2021	Common Stock	2,500	\$ 27.575	D	Â
ISO - Stock Option (Right to Buy)	06/09/2005(2)	12/09/2014	Common Stock	985	\$ 34.18	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
F	Director 10% Owner Officer		Officer	Other		
Cozzone Robert D 288 UNION STREET ROCKLAND, MA 02370	Â	Â	CFO and Treasurer	Â		

Signatures

Linda M. Campion, Power of Attorney 09/12/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Granted under the Independent Bank Corp. 2005 Employee Stock Option Plan (2005 Plan). Options vest in equal installments of 800 (1) shares over a five-year period beginning on 2/15/08 and thereafter on each successive anniversary date (2/15/09-2/15/12), subject to the earlier termination of employment or acceleration of vesting schedule under certain termination of employee circumstances.
- (2) Granted under the Independent Bank Corp. 1997 Employee Stock Option Plan (1997 Plan). The Option immediately vests. Subject to the earlier termination of employment or acceleration of vesting schedule under certain termination of employee circumstances.
- Granted under the Independent Bank Corp. 2005 Employee Stock Option Plan (2005 Plan). Options vest in equal installments of 1,200 shares over a five-year period beginning on 2/14/09 and thereafter on each successive anniversary date (2/14/10-2/14/13), subject to the earlier termination of employment or acceleration of vesting schedule under certain termination of employee circumstances.
- Granted under the Independent Bank Corp. 2005 Employee Stock Option Plan (2005 Plan). 834 shares shall first become exercisable on 1/2/12; 833 shares shall first become on 1/02/13, and the remaining 833 shares shall first become exercisable on 1/2/14, subject to the earlier termination of employment or acceleration of vesting schedule under certain termination of employee circumstances.

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Remarks:

Note: Also see attached Exhibit EX-24 Attachment 0.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, See Instruction 6 for procedure.

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