

Maiden Holdings, Ltd.
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SCHMITT KAREN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MAIDEN HOLDINGS, LTD., 131 FRONT STREET

(Street)

HAMILTON, D0 HM12

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Maiden Holdings, Ltd. [MHLD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/17/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Shares | 02/19/2015 | | A | | 7,774 (1) \$ 0 | 122,521 | D |

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Performance-based Restricted Share Units | (2) | 02/17/2015 | | A | 56,156 | (3) (3) | Common Shares 56 |
| Restricted Share Units | (2) | 02/17/2015 | | A | 15,190 | (5) (5) | Common Shares 15 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SCHMITT KAREN C/O MAIDEN HOLDINGS, LTD. 131 FRONT STREET HAMILTON, D0 HM12 | | | Chief Financial Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Karen Schmitt 02/19/2015

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- (1) Represents the vesting of restricted common shares granted pursuant to the Amended and Restated 2007 Share Incentive Plan (the "Plan") on February 19, 2013.
 - (2) Represents the vesting of restricted common shares granted in February 2013.
The restricted share units shall be settled in common shares or, at the discretion of the Compensation Committee, an amount in cash equal to the fair market value of the shares, and shall be settled shortly after the Committee certifies the attainment of performance goals (the "settlement date"), but in no event later than 2 1/2 months after the expiration of the performance period. The units are forfeited if the reporting person's employment is terminated prior to the settlement date. Certain special terms apply in the event of death, disability or a change of control.
 - (4) The reporting person received restricted share units that shall vest based (i) 50% upon the achievement of performance criteria relating to return on equity, underwriting performance, revenue growth and operating expense during the performance period from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017, and (ii) 50% upon individual performance as evaluated by the Compensation Committee. The recipient received a target award of 28,078 restricted share units, and 0 to 200% of such target award may vest depending upon the degree to which the performance targets are met. The 56,156 units reported represent 200% of the target award, which is the maximum number of units that may be earned.

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- The restricted share units shall be settled in common shares or, at the discretion of the Compensation Committee, an amount in cash equal to the fair market value of the shares, and have a three year vesting period (the units shall be settled no later than 2/12 months after the expiration of each of the three equal vesting periods of December 31, 2015, 2016 and 2017, respectively). The units are forfeited if the reporting person's employment is terminated prior to the settlement date. Certain special terms apply in the event of death, disability or a change of control.
- (5)

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