Maiden Holdings, Ltd. Form 4 February 17, 2016

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SCHMITT KAREN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Maiden Holdings, Ltd. [MHLD]

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

(State)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director

below)

10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

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

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Chief Financial Officer

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

02/15/2016

(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

HAMILTON, D0 HM12

(City)

(City)	(State) ((State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Di (D) (Instr. 3,	sposed	of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)					
Common Shares	02/15/2016		A	29,043 (1)	A	\$ 0	187,391	D				
Common Shares	02/17/2016		M	5,063 (2)	A	\$0	192,454	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)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Orderivative Securities Acquired (A or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration I (Month/Day	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amo Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (Date Exercisable D)	Expiration Date	Title	An or Nu of	
Performance-based Restricted Share Units	(3)	02/15/2016		A	59,270	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Shares	59	

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 02/17/2016 Schmitt

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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 performance based restricted share units granted pursuant to the Amended and Restated 2007 Share Incentive Plan (the "Plan") on February 19, 2013.
- (2) Acquisition of common shares resulting from the vesting of one-third of the restricted share units granted pursuant to the Plan to Ms. Schmitt in February 2015.
- (3) The restricted share units were issued pursuant to the Plan. Each restricted share unit represents a contingent right to receive one common share of the Registrant.
 - 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
- (4) "settlement date"), but in no event later than 2 1/2 months after the expiration of the performance period. The units are forfeited if teh 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) 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, 2016

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to December 31, 2018, and (ii) 50% upon individual performance as evaluated by the Compensation Committee. The recipient received a target award of 29,635 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 59,270 units reported represent 200% of the target award, which is the maximum number of units that may be earned.

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