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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

February 21, 2017 (February 21, 2017)

MAIDEN HOLDINGS, LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

98-0570192

Bermuda 001-34042 (IRS (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Employer Identification

No.)

131 Front Street, Hamilton HM12, Bermuda

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(441) 298-4900

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On February 21, 2017, the Company's Board of Directors authorized the following quarterly dividends:

Dividend per Share

Common shares

Sol.15

April 17, 2017

April 3, 2017

Preference shares - Series A

\$0.515625

March 15, 2017

March 1, 2017

March 1, 2017

A copy of the press release is hereby filed with the Commission and incorporated by reference herein as Exhibit 99.1.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 21, 2017 MAIDEN HOLDINGS, LTD.

By: /s/ Lawrence F. Metz
Lawrence F. Metz
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and
Secretary

Exhibit 99.1

PRESS RELEASE

Maiden Holdings Announces Dividends on Common Shares and Preference Shares

HAMILTON, Bermuda, February 21, 2017 -- Maiden Holdings, Ltd. (NASDAQ: MHLD) today announced that its Board of Directors approved a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.15 per share of common stock. The dividend will be payable on April 17, 2017 to shareholders of record as of April 3, 2017.

Maiden's Board of Directors also approved the following cash dividends on its preference shares that are payable on March 15, 2017 to shareholders of record as of March 1, 2017:

- Series A 8.25% Non-Cumulative Preference Shares of \$0.515625 per Preference Share
- Series C 7.125% Non-Cumulative Preference Shares of \$0.445313 per Preference

Share

About Maiden Holdings, Ltd.

Maiden Holdings, Ltd. is a Bermuda-based holding company formed in 2007. Through its subsidiaries, which are each A rated (excellent) by A.M. Best, the Company is focused on providing non-catastrophic, customized reinsurance products and services to small and mid-size insurance companies in the United States and Europe. As of September 30, 2016, Maiden had \$6.5 billion in assets and shareholders' equity of \$1.6 billion.

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