

SCHMITT KAREN  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 REINSURANCE COMPANY, 6000 MIDATLANTIC DRIVE

(Street)

MOUNT LAUREL, NJ 08054

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/29/2012

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)  
See Remarks

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	05/29/2012		P		5,000	A	\$ 7.92
					79,875	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price or Amount of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)
Options (right to buy)	\$ 3.28					(1) 11/12/2018	Common Shares	9,375
Options (right to buy)	\$ 4.45					(1) 02/24/2019	Common Shares	75,000
Options (right to buy)	\$ 7.25					(1) 03/04/2020	Common Shares	50,000
Restricted Share Units	(2)					(3) (3)	Common Shares	78,186 (4)
Restricted Share Units	(2)					(3) (3)	Common Shares	82,846 (5)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

SCHMITT KAREN  
 C/O MAIDEN REINSURNACE COMPANY  
 6000 MIDATLANTIC DRIVE  
 MOUNT LAUREL, NJ 08054

See Remarks

## Signatures

/s/ Karen Schmitt 05/29/2012

\*\*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) The Stock Options were granted pursuant to the Amended and Restated 2007 Share Incentive Plan (the "Plan") and will vest 25% on the one year anniversary of grant, and 6.25% each quarter thereafter.
- (2) 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 "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.
- (3)
- The reporting person received restricted share units that shall vest based 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, 2011 to December 31, 2012. The recipient received a target award of 39,093 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 78,186 units reported represent 200% of the target award, which is the maximum number of units that may be earned.
- (4)
- The reporting person received restricted share units that shall vest based 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, 2012 to December 31, 2014. The recipient received a target award of 41,423 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 82,846 units reported represent 200% of the target award, which is the maximum number of units that may be earned.
- (5)

### Remarks:

PRESIDENT, MAIDEN REINSURANCE COMPANY and MAIDEN SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

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