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| SCHMITT KAREN S | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Maiden Holdings, Ltd. [MHLD] | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
| () | | | (Month/D | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/17/2018 | | | | Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Chief Financial Officer | | | |
| DEMDDOV | (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(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 | | | | | |
| (City) | E, D0 HM08 (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | Person | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 1.Title of2. Transaction Date2A. DeemedSecurity(Month/Day/Year)Execution Date, if | | Code (D) ar) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or | | | | 5. Amount of 6 Securities H Beneficially (Owned H | f, or Beneficial 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of | | |
| Common Shares | 02/17/2018 | | | Code V M | Amount 5,063 | (D) A | Price \$ 0 | 284,573 | D | | |
| Common Shares | 02/19/2018 | | | М | 19,641 (2) | А | \$0 | 304,214 | 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 of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | Sec |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|--------------------|---|-------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | A N S |
| Performance-based Restricted Share Units | <u>(3)</u> | 02/19/2018 | | А | 108,333 | (4) | (4) | Common Shares | 1 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| SCHMITT KAREN C/O MAIDEN HOLDINGS, LTD. IDEATION HOUSE, 2ND FL, 94 PITTS BAY RD. PEMBROKE, D0 HM08 | | | Chief Financial Officer | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Karen 02/20/2018 Schmitt 02/20/2018 **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) Acquisition of common shares resulting from the vesting of one-third of the restricted share units granted pursuant to the Amended and Restated 2007 Share Incentive Plan (the "Plan") to Ms. Schmitt in February 2015.
- (2) Represents the vesting of performance based restricted share units granted pursuant to the Plan on February 21, 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 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) 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, 2018 to December 31, 2020, and (ii) 50% upon individual performance as evaluated by the Compensation Committee. The recipient received a target award of 54,167 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 108,333 units reported represent 200% of the target award, which is the maximum number of units that

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may be earned.

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