

KARFUNKEL MICHAEL
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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 *
KARFUNKEL MICHAEL

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MAIDEN HOLDINGS LTD., 48 PAR-LA-VILLE ROAD, SUITE 1141

(Street)

HAMILTON, D0 HM11

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/15/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Shares	01/15/2009		G	V Amount (D) Price 2,600,000 D \$ 0 0		D	
Common Shares	01/15/2009		G	V Amount (D) Price 2,600,000 A \$ 0 3,892,130		I ⁽¹⁾	As Trustee of Charitable Foundation
Common Shares					1,897,500	I	As Trustee of Grantor Retained Annuity Trust

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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. 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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Warrants (right to buy)	\$ 0	01/15/2009		G	0	06/07/2007 ⁽²⁾	06/07/2017	Common Stock	1,350,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KARFUNKEL MICHAEL C/O MAIDEN HOLDINGS LTD. 48 PAR-LA-VILLE ROAD, SUITE 1141 HAMILTON, D0 HM11		X		

Signatures

/s/ Michael
Karfunkel

01/20/2009

**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 Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by a charitable foundation.

The Warrants were granted in connection with the issuer's formation and capitalization on June 6, 2007 and are exercisable at the sole

(2) option of the Reporting Person in whole or in part during the period commencing June 7, 2007 and ending on the tenth anniversary thereof.

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