

KARFUNKEL MICHAEL
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â KARFUNKEL MICHAEL</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O MAIDEN HOLDINGS LIMITED,Â 48 PAR-LA-VILLE RD., SUITE 1141</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>HAMILTON,Â D0Â HM11</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>11/14/2008</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>Maiden Holdings, Ltd. [MHLD]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p>___ Director ___X_ 10% Owner ___ Officer ___ Other (give title below) (specify below)</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Shares | 2,600,000 | D | Â |
| Common Shares | 1,570,000 | I | As Trustee of Grantor Retained Annuity Trust |
| Common Shares | 1,292,130 | I <u>(1)</u> | As Trustee of Charitable Foundation |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|--|---|---|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Warrants (right to buy) | 06/07/2007 ⁽²⁾ | 06/07/2017 | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 1,350,000 \$ 10 | D |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KARFUNKEL MICHAEL C/O MAIDEN HOLDINGS LIMITED 48 PAR-LA-VILLE RD., SUITE 1141 HAMILTON, ONTARIO L8M 1H1 | ^ | ^ X | ^ | ^ |

Signatures

/s/ Michael Karfunkel
Date: 11/26/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 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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