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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): April 9, 2018 (April 6, 2018)

MAIDEN HOLDINGS, LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

98-0570192

Bermuda 001-34042 (IRS (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) Number) Identification

No.)

94 Pitts Bay Road, Pembroke HM08, 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:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company o

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If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. o

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On April 6, 2018, Maiden Holdings, Ltd. (the "Company") announced that, consistent with the Company's commentary in its February 27, 2018 earnings release, the Board of Directors have retained BofA Merrill Lynch to assist the Company in evaluating strategic alternatives to enhance value.

A copy of the press release is hereby filed with the Commission and incorporated by reference herein as Exhibit 99.1. Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Any forward-looking statements made in the press release in Exhibit 99.1 reflect our current views with respect to future events and financial performance and are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements involve risks and uncertainties, which may cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in these statements. For example, our forward-looking statements could be affected by pricing and policy term trends; increased competition; the impact of acts of terrorism and acts of war; greater frequency or severity of unpredictable catastrophic events; negative rating agency actions; the adequacy of our loss reserves; the Company or its subsidiaries becoming subject to significant income taxes in the United States or elsewhere; changes in regulations or tax laws; changes in the availability, cost or quality of reinsurance or retrocessional coverage; adverse general economic conditions; and judicial, legislative, political and other governmental developments, as well as management's response to these factors, and other factors identified in our filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date on which they are made. We are under no obligation (and expressly disclaim any such obligation) to update or revise any forward-looking statement that may be made from time to time, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

Item 9.01 Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

No. Description

99.1 Press Release, dated April 6, 2018, issued by Maiden Holdings, Ltd.

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: April 9, 2018 MAIDEN HOLDINGS, LTD.

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

Exhibit 99.1

PRESS RELEASE

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Maiden Holdings Appoints BofA Merrill Lynch to Manage Strategic Review Process

HAMILTON, Bermuda, April 6, 2018 -- Maiden Holdings, Ltd. (NASDAQ: MHLD) today announced that, consistent with the Company's commentary in its February 27, 2018 earnings release, the Board of Directors have retained BofA Merrill Lynch to assist the Company in evaluating strategic alternatives to enhance value.

About Maiden Holdings, Ltd.

Maiden Holdings, Ltd. is a Bermuda-based holding company formed in 2007. Through its subsidiaries, which are each rated A- (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 December 31, 2017 Maiden had \$6.6 billion in assets and shareholders' equity of \$1.2 billion.

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