

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
 ___ 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 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 (A) 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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