

Maiden Holdings, Ltd.
Form 8-K
March 24, 2017

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):
March 24, 2017 (March 23, 2017)

MAIDEN HOLDINGS, LTD.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda	001-34042	98-0570192
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

131 Front Street, Hamilton HM12, Bermuda

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(441) 298-4900
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 4.01 Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant.

(a) Resignation of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

On March 23, 2017, in view of the decision of the Audit Committee (the "Audit Committee") of the Board of Directors of Maiden Holdings, Ltd. (the "Company") to recommend the appointment of Deloitte Ltd. ("Deloitte") during its May 2017 annual general meeting of shareholders, the Company received written notice from its independent registered public accounting firm, BDO USA, LLP ("BDO"), that it is resigning as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm with immediate effect. As a result, the Audit Committee has appointed Deloitte as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, subject to ratification by the Company's shareholders in May and regulatory approval.

The audit reports of BDO on the consolidated financial statements of the Company as of and for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2016 did not contain any adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion, nor were they qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope, or accounting principles. During the fiscal years ended December 31, 2015 and 2016 and through March 23, 2017, there were (i) no "disagreements" as that term is defined in Item 304(a)(1)(iv) of Regulation S-K and the related instructions, between the Company and BDO on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure or auditing scope or procedure, which disagreements, if not resolved to the satisfaction of BDO, would have caused BDO to make reference to the subject matter of the disagreements in its reports on the consolidated financial statements for such years, and (ii) no "reportable events" as that term is defined in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K.

The Company provided BDO with a copy of this Current Report on Form 8-K and requested that BDO furnish the Company with a letter addressed to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission stating whether it agrees with the statements contained herein. A copy of BDO's letter, dated March 23, 2017, is filed as Exhibit 16.1 to this Form 8-K.

(b) Engagement of New Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Audit Committee decided at a March 16, 2017 meeting to accept in principle an offer by Deloitte to serve as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for the annual audit for the 2017 fiscal year, subject to agreement of resignation by the current independent registered public accounting firm of the Company and the Company signing an engagement agreement with Deloitte. The engagement of Deloitte, subject to regulatory approval, as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for the 2017 fiscal year is effective as of March 23, 2017. During the fiscal years ended December 31, 2015 and 2016 and through March 23, 2017, neither the Company, nor anyone on its behalf, have consulted Deloitte with respect to (i) the application of accounting principles to a specified transaction, either completed or proposed, or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the Company's consolidated financial statements, and neither a written report was provided to the Company nor oral advice was provided to the Company that Deloitte concluded was an important factor considered by the Company in reaching a decision as to the accounting, auditing or financial reporting issue; or (ii) any matter that was either the subject of a disagreement (as defined in Item 304(a)(1)(iv) of Regulation S-K and the related instructions) or a reportable event (as described in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K).

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit no. Description

16.1 Letter from BDO USA, LLP dated March 23, 2017

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: March 24, 2017 MAIDEN HOLDINGS, LTD.

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

EXHIBIT 16.1