



MAIDEN HOLDINGS, LTD

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## **Maiden Holdings Announces Fourth Quarter 2016 Loss Reserve Strengthening Primarily Focused on Commercial Auto Business**

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Feb. 14, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Maiden Holdings, Ltd. ("Maiden" or "the Company") (NASDAQ:MHL) today announced that its fourth quarter 2016 results will include a reserve charge of approximately \$120 million relative to the Company's projected December 31, 2016 reserve balance of approximately \$2.9 billion. The \$120 million charge, which is primarily from its commercial auto business, includes both a provision to substantially strengthen reserves as well as adverse development realized during the fourth quarter.

Despite the impact of this reserve strengthening, Maiden still expects to report a modest level of operating and net income for the full year. Absent the impact of commercial auto adverse development and reserve strengthening in 2016, Maiden would have generated profitable underwriting results for the year. Maiden does not anticipate any change to its quarterly dividend policy.

Commenting on the reserve charge, Art Raschbaum, Chief Executive Officer of Maiden stated, "For some time, Maiden has experienced adverse development across its historical commercial auto portfolio, primarily emanating from the 2011-2014 underwriting years. Throughout the industry, commercial auto loss cost severity trends have been rising and we believe it is prudent to address this adverse trend by strengthening the Company's loss reserve position. We believe we have taken appropriate steps to respond to adverse development and believe this reserve strengthening will help to stabilize forward performance and profitability."

Maiden management will provide additional details in its fourth quarter earnings press release to be issued after the close of the U.S. financial markets on Monday, February 27, 2017 and during its previously announced earnings conference call on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. ET.

To participate in Maiden's earnings conference call on February 28<sup>th</sup>, please access one of the following at least five minutes prior to the start time:

U.S. Callers: 1.877.734.5373

Outside U.S. Callers: 1.973.200.3059

Passcode: 60489931

Webcast: [http://www.maiden.bm/news\\_events](http://www.maiden.bm/news_events)

A replay of the conference call will be available beginning at 11:30 a.m. ET on February 28, 2017 through 11:30 a.m. ET on March 7, 2017. To listen to the replay, please dial toll free: 1.855.859.2056 (U.S. Callers) or toll: 1.404.537.3406 (callers outside the U.S.) and enter the Passcode: 60489931; or access [http://www.maiden.bm/news\\_events](http://www.maiden.bm/news_events)

### **Forward Looking Statements**

This press release contains "forward-looking statements" which are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The forward-looking statements are based on the Company's current expectations and beliefs concerning future developments and their potential effects on the Company. There can be no assurance that actual developments will be those anticipated by the Company. Actual results may differ materially from those projected as a result of significant risks and uncertainties, including non-receipt of the expected payments, changes in interest rates, effect of the performance of financial markets on investment income and fair values of investments, developments of claims and the effect on loss reserves, accuracy in projecting loss reserves, the impact of competition and pricing environments, changes in the demand for the Company's products, the effect of general economic conditions and unusual frequency of storm activity, adverse state and federal legislation, regulations and regulatory investigations into industry practices, developments relating to existing agreements, heightened competition, changes in pricing environments, and changes in asset valuations. Additional information about these risks and uncertainties, as well as others that may cause actual results to differ materially from those projected is contained in Item 1A. Risk Factors in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 as updated in periodic filings with the SEC. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements, except as may be required by law.

### **About Maiden Holdings, Ltd.**

Maiden Holdings, Ltd. is a Bermuda-based holding company formed in 2007. Through its subsidiaries, which are each A

rated (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 September 30, 2016, Maiden had \$6.5 billion in assets and shareholders' equity of \$1.6 billion.

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