

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: **September 7, 2016**

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

**Bermuda**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-34042**  
(Commission File  
Number)

**98-0570192**  
(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)

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:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

## Item 8.01. Other Events

On September 1, 2016, A.M. Best Company ("A.M. Best") upgraded the financial strength rating ("FSR") to A (Excellent) from A- (Excellent) and the issuer credit ratings ("ICR") to "a" from "a-" for Maiden Holdings, Ltd. ("Maiden Holdings") [NASDAQ:MHL] subsidiaries Maiden Reinsurance Ltd. (headquartered in Hamilton, Bermuda) and Maiden Reinsurance North America, Inc. (headquartered in Mount Laurel, New Jersey). A.M. Best also has upgraded the ICRs to "bbb" from "bbb-" for Maiden Holdings and its subsidiary, Maiden Holdings North America, Ltd. ("MHNA") (Delaware), whose debt is fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Maiden Holdings. The issue and indicative issue ratings of Maiden Holdings and MHNA also have been upgraded. Their outlooks have been revised to stable from positive. Founded in 1899, A.M. Best Company is the world's oldest and most authoritative insurance rating and information source. For the full press release issued by A.M. Best Company announcing the rating action, visit [www.ambest.com](http://www.ambest.com).

## 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: September 7, 2016

**MAIDEN HOLDINGS, LTD.**

By: /s/ Lawrence F. Metz

Lawrence F. Metz

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary