FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Merkle Claudia J (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O NMI HOLDINGS, INC. 2100 POWELL STREET, 12TH FL. (Street) EMERYVILLE CA 94608 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NMI Holdings, Inc. [NMIH] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/12/2014 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | S. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director | | | | |
|--|---|----------------|--|----------|---|--|-----|---|---------------|---------------------|--|--|---|--------|--|---|--|
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D | | | | | ction 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year | | | 3. Transact Code (In 8) | tion istr. | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | . Ownership orm: Direct D) or Indirect) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction | | .g., put | | IIs, warrants | | 6. Date Exercisable at Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | onvertil ble and | rtible securitie | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | | Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4 | Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | Cod | e V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | | piration tte | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$12.32 | 02/12/2014 | | A | | 76,000 | | (1) | 02. | /12/2024 | Class A Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 76,000 | \$0 | 76,000 | D | | |
| Restricted Stock Unit (right to receive) | \$0.0 | 02/12/2014 | | A | | 9,500 | | (2) | 02 | /12/2024 | Class A Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share | 9,500 | \$0 | 9,500 | D | | |

- 1. Granted pursuant to the NMI Holdings, Inc. 2012 Stock Incentive Plan. The stock option award is time vested based generally on continued service and is scheduled to vest in equal installments on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of the grant, which grant occurred on February 12, 2014.
- 2. Granted pursuant to the NMI Holdings, Inc. 2012 Stock Incentive Plan. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one NMI Holdings, Inc. common share upon vesting and settlement. The restricted stock unit award is time vested based generally on continued service and is scheduled to vest in equal installments on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of the grant, respectively, which grant occurred on February 12, 2014.

Remarks:

/s/ Joy M. Benner, Attorney-in-

02/14/2014

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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