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November 27, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

NII HOLDINGS, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.001 par value

(Title of class of securities)

62913F201

(CUSIP number)

Russell A. Thompson
MacKay Shields LLC
9 West 57 Street
New York, New York 10019

(Name, address and telephone number of person authorized to receive
notices and communications)

November 13, 2002

(Date of event which requires filing of this statement)

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON: MacKay Shields LLC(f/k/a MacKay-Shields

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Financial Corporation)

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO.
OF ABOVE PERSON:

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP: (a)
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS: 00

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM
2 (d) OR 2 (e):

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION: Delaware

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER: 4,360,978
SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER: 0
OWNED BY

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER: 4,360,978
REPORTING

PERSON WITH 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER: 0

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY
REPORTING PERSON: 4,360,978

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN
SHARES:

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11): 21.8%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON: IA

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Item 1. Security and Issuer.

This statement relates to the common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Shares") of NII Holdings, Inc. (the "Company"), whose principal executive offices are located at 10700 Parkridge Boulevard, Suite 600, Reston, Virginia 20191.

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Item 2. Identity and Background.

The person filing this statement is MacKay Shields LLC, a limited liability company organized under the laws of Delaware and, registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (File No. 801-19525). MacKay Shields' principal address is 9 West 57th Street, New York, New York 10019. MacKay Shields acts as investment manager for a number of clients, pension and profit-sharing plans and also to mutual funds.

MacKay Shields has never been a party to a civil proceeding before a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction as a result of which it was or is now subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

MacKay Shields currently holds (on behalf of those client accounts), and has the sole right to vote and direct the disposition of, equity securities of the company totaling 4,360,978 shares. All funds used to purchase or acquire a security interest in the Company came directly from proceeds of investment advisory clients. No single client account holds a beneficial security interest in the Company equal to or greater than 5%.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

On November 13, 2002, the Plan of Reorganization, Rights Subscription and Backstop Agreement of the Company became effective. Pursuant to the terms of the Rights Subscription, MacKay Shields received Shares in the Company. MacKay Shields holds securities of the Company described herein with the intention of maximizing shareholder value. In addition to monitoring the performance of the Company and its management, MacKay Shields may also take certain steps to further its stated objective. These steps may include, but are not limited to, urging Company management to take appropriate corporate actions to ensure that shareholder interests are adequately protected.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Based upon information provided by the Company, there were issued and outstanding 20,000,000 Shares. MacKay Shields (as an investment adviser to several client accounts) is the holder of and/or has the right to receive 4,360,978 Shares. Thus for the purposes of Reg. Section 240.13d-3, MacKay

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Shields is deemed to beneficially own 4,360,978 Shares, or 21.8% of those deemed issued and outstanding pursuant to Reg. Section 240.13d-3.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangement, Understanding or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

Neal P. Goldman and Donald E. Morgan, both employees of MacKay Shields, are directors of the Company. Except as described in this Schedule 13D, no contracts, arrangements, understandings or similar relationships exist with respect to the securities of the Company between MacKay Shields and any person or entity.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

None.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: November 27, 2002

MACKAY SHIELDS LLC

/s/ Russell A. Thompson

By: Russell A. Thompson
Title: Chief Compliance Officer

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