

Kurtzman Kenneth A  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Kurtzman Kenneth A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 PLATINUM UNDERWRITERS HOLDINGS LTD [PTP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP & Chief Risk Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 PLATINUM ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, INC., 2 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER, SUITE 2300

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/21/2011

(Street)  
 NEW YORK, NY 10281

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Shares	02/21/2011		M		6,560	A	\$ 0
Common Shares	02/21/2011		F		2,407	D	\$ 44.49
Common Shares	02/21/2011		M		2,018	A	\$ 0
Common Shares	02/21/2011		F		741	D	\$ 44.49
							45,205
							42,798
							44,816
							44,075

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Common Shares	02/21/2011	M	553	A	\$ 0	44,628	D
Common Shares	02/21/2011	F	259	D	\$ 44.49	44,369	D
Common Shares	02/21/2011	A	<u>12,839</u> (1)	A	\$ 0	57,208	D
Common Shares	02/21/2011	F	4,762	D	\$ 44.49	52,446	D
Common Shares	02/22/2011	M	1,982	A	\$ 0	54,428	D
Common Shares	02/22/2011	F	830	D	\$ 44.49	53,598	D

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Share units	<u>(2)</u>	02/21/2011		M	6,560	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Shares <u>(3)</u>	6,560	\$ 0
Share units	<u>(2)</u>	02/21/2011		M	2,018	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Shares <u>(4)</u>	2,018	\$ 0
Share units	<u>(2)</u>	02/21/2011		M	553	<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Shares <u>(5)</u>	553	\$ 0
Share units	<u>(2)</u>	02/22/2011		M	1,982	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Shares <u>(6)</u>	1,982	\$ 0

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kurtzman Kenneth A PLATINUM ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, INC. 2 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER, SUITE 2300 NEW YORK, NY 10281			EVP & Chief Risk Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Michael E. Lombardozzi,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/23/2011

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) These share units represent the payment of an award granted on February 21, 2008 under the Amended and Restated Executive Incentive Plan of Platinum Underwriters Holdings, Ltd. (the "Company") for the 2008-2010 performance cycle.

(2) 1-for-1

(3) These share units were awarded on May 30, 2007 under the 2006 Share Incentive Plan of the Company. On February 21, 2011, the remaining 50% of these share units vested and the Company issued to the reporting person one Common Share for each vested share unit.

(4) These share units were awarded on February 21, 2008 under the 2006 Share Incentive Plan. On February 21, 2011, 50% of these share units vested and the Company issued to the reporting person one Common Share for each vested share unit. On February 21, 2012, the Company will issue to the reporting person one Common Share for each of the remaining 50% of the share units awarded to the reporting person.

(5) These share units were awarded on July 24, 2008 under the 2006 Share Incentive Plan. On February 21, 2011, 50% of these share units vested and the Company issued to the reporting person one Common Share for each vested share unit. On February 21, 2012, the Company will issue to the reporting person one Common Share for each of the remaining 50% of the share units awarded to the reporting person.

(6) These share units were granted on February 22, 2010 under the 2006 Share Incentive Plan. On February 22, 2011, the first quarter of these share units vested and the Company issued to the reporting person one Common Share for each vested share unit. The remaining share units will vest ratably on the second, third and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant and on these vesting dates the Company will issue to the reporting person one Common Share for each vested share unit.

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