

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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/23/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
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PLATINUM ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, INC., 2 STAMFORD PLAZA, SUITE 1504

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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STAMFORD, CT 06901

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or (D) Price | | |
| Common Shares | 02/23/2012 | | M | | 2,552 A \$ 0 | 62,228 | D |
| Common Shares | 02/23/2012 | | F | | 846 D \$ 35.5 | 61,382 | D |
| Common Shares | 02/23/2012 | | A | | 2,117 (1) A \$ 0 | 63,499 | D |
| Common Shares | 02/23/2012 | | F | | 702 D \$ 35.5 | 62,797 | D |

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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 or Derivative Security (Instr. 3) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Share units | (2) | 02/23/2012 | | M | 2,552 | (3) (3) | Common Shares (3) | 2,552 \$ |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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PLATINUM ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, INC.
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STAMFORD, CT 06901

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Signatures

/s/ Christina M. Parker,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/24/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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(1) These common shares represent the payment of an award granted on February 23, 2009 under the Amended and Restated Executive Incentive Plan of Platinum Underwriters Holdings, Ltd. (the "Company") for the 2009-2011 performance cycle.

(2) 1-for-1

(3) These share units were awarded on February 23, 2009 under the Company's 2006 Share Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). On February 23, 2012, the third quarter of these share units vested and the Company issued to the reporting person one Common Share for each vested share unit, reduced by the number of Common Shares which are equal in Fair Market Value (as defined in the Plan) on such date to the reporting person's tax withholding obligation. The remaining quarter of the share units will vest on the fourth anniversary of the date of

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award and on that vesting date the Company will issue to the reporting person one Common Share for each vested share unit.

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