PLATINUM UNDERWRITERS HOLDINGS LTD Form SC 13G November 05, 2002

> UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

PLATINUM UNDERWRITERS HOLDINGS, LTD.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Shares, \$0.01 par value

(Title of Class of Securities)

G7127P100

(CUSIP Number)

November 1, 2002

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

[] Rule 13d-1(b) [x] Rule 13d-1(c) [] Rule 13d-1(d)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes

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13G CUSIP No. G7127P10 1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

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

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RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. _____ _____ 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) [] (b) [X] _____ _____ 3 SEC USE ONLY _____ 4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Bermuda _____ _____ 5 SOLE VOTING POWER 6,460,000(1) NUMBER OF _____ _____ SHARES 6 SHARED VOTING POWER SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 0 EACH ____ _____ REPORTING 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER PERSON 6,460,000 WITH _____ 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 0 _____ 9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 6,460,000 _____ 10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES* Not Applicable _____ 11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9 14.2% _____ TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON* 12 CO _____ _____ *SEE INSTRUCTION BEFORE FILLING OUT _____

(1) Pursuant to the Bye-laws of Platinum Underwriters Holdings, Ltd. ("Platinum"), if RenaissanceRe's ownership of Platinum's Common Shares constitutes 10% or more of the issued Common Shares, the Common Shares owned by RenaissanceRe will have reduced voting rights so that RenaissanceRe is not able to exercise more than 9.9% of the total voting rights attached to all of the then issued Common Shares.

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Item 1.
    (a) Name of Issuer
       _____
       Platinum Underwriters Holdings, Ltd.
    (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Officers
       _____
       Clarendon House
       2 Church Street
       Hamilton HM 11
       Bermuda
Item 2.
    (a) Name of Person Filing
       _____
       RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. ("RenaissanceRe")
    (b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence
       _____
       Renaissance House
       8-12 East Broadway
       Pembroke HM 19
       Bermuda
    (c) Citizenship
       _____
       Bermuda
    (d) Title of Class of Securities
       _____
       Common Shares, $0.01 par value
    (e) CUSIP Number
       G7127P100
Item 3. Not applicable.
Item 4. Ownership
    (a) Amount beneficially owned
       _____
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6,460,000

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(b) Percent of class:

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14.2%. This percentage was calculated based upon 45,504,000 Common Shares, including 43,004,000 Common Shares currently outstanding as described in Platinum's 424(b) Prospectus, filed on October 29, 2002 (including Common Shares subsequently issued pursuant to the exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option as described in such Prospectus), and 2,500,000 Common Shares issuable to RenaissanceRe upon exercise of options. On a fully diluted basis, RenaissanceRe's percentage ownership is 11.23% based on 57,504,000 Common Shares (as described in such Prospectus).

- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 6,460,000(2)
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 0
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 6,460,000
 - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0
- Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [].

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not Applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company

Not Applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not Applicable.

(2) Pursuant to Platinum's Bye-laws, if RenaissanceRe's ownership of Platinum's Common Shares constitutes 10% or more of the issued Common Shares, the Common Shares owned by RenaissanceRe will have reduced voting rights so that RenaissanceRe is not able to exercise more than 9.9% of the total voting rights attached to all of the then issued Common Shares.

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Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not Applicable

Item 10. Certification

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By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURE

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

Dated: November 4, 2002

RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD.

By: /s/ Stephen H. Weinstein

Name: Stephen H. Weinstein Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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