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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

^ Kurtzman Kenneth A
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

PLATINUM ADMIN.
 SERVICES, INC., ^ 2 WORLD
 FINANCIAL CENTER
 (Street)

NEW YORK, ^ NY ^ 10281
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
 03/13/2006

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PLATINUM UNDERWRITERS HOLDINGS LTD
 [PTP]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer Other
 (give title below) (specify below)
 EVP & Chief Risk Officer

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

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)
 Title

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
Non-qualified Option (Right to Buy)	Â (1)	03/12/2016	Common Shares 17,112 \$ 30	D Â
Restricted share units	Â (2)	Â (2)	Common Shares 4,563 \$ (3)	D Â

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Michael E. Lombardozzi Attorney
in Fact 03/21/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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(1) The option vests in equal installments over four years on each anniversary following the date of grant, March 13, 2006.

These restricted share units ("RSUs") were awarded under the 2002 Share Incentive Plan (the "Plan") of Platinum Underwriters Holdings, Ltd. (the "Company"). On each of the third and fourth anniversaries following the date of grant, March 13, 2006, the Company will issue

(2) to the reporting person one Common Share of the Company for 50% of the RSUs awarded to the reporting person, 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.

(3) 1-for-1

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