

Steffen Christopher J  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Steffen Christopher J

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)  
 04/27/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

C/O PLATINUM UNDERWRITERS HOLDINGS, LTD., 69 PITTS BAY ROAD, 3RD FLOOR

(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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08

(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 (D) Price			
Common Shares	04/27/2011		M	1,362 A \$ 0	6,362	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. Amount or Number of Shares
Share units	(1)	04/27/2011		M	1,362	(2) (2)	Common Shares (2)	1,362
Share units	(1)	04/27/2011		A	1,341	(3) (3)	Common Shares (3)	1,341

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Steffen Christopher J C/O PLATINUM UNDERWRITERS HOLDINGS, LTD. 69 PITTS BAY ROAD, 3RD FLOOR PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08			X	

## Signatures

Christina M. Parker, 04/27/2011  
Attorney-in-fact

\*\*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) 1-for-1

These share units were awarded on April 29, 2010 pursuant to the Company's 2010 Share Incentive Plan. On the date of the Company's 2011 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, the Company issued to the reporting person one Common Share of the Company for each of the share units awarded to the reporting person.

(3)

These shares were awarded on April 27, 2011 pursuant to the Company's 2010 Share Incentive Plan. On the earlier to occur of the first anniversary of the date of the grant or the date of the Company's next Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, the Company will issue to the reporting person one Common Share of the Company for each of the share units awarded to the reporting person, subject to the reporting person's continued service with the Company through the applicable vesting date.

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