Kurtzman Kenneth A Form 4 February 23, 2010

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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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]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/21/2010

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

EVP & Chief Risk Officer

10% Owner Other (specify

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PLATINUM ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, INC., 2 WORLD

(Street)

(First)

(Middle)

FINANCIAL CENTER, SUITE 2300

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Director

_X__ Officer (give title _

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

NEW YORK, NY 10281

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurit	ties Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	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	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Shares	02/21/2010		M	6,561	A	\$ 0	27,215	D	
Common Shares	02/21/2010		F	2,507	D	\$ 36.9	24,708	D	
Common Shares	02/21/2010		A	17,538 (1)	A	\$0	42,246	D	
Common Shares	02/21/2010		F	6,433	D	\$ 36.9	35,813	D	

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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 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		4. 5. Number of TransactiorDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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)		
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Share units	(2)	02/21/2010		M		6,561	(3)	(3)	Common Shares (3)	6,561
Share units	<u>(2)</u>	02/22/2010		A	7,927		<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Shares (4)	7,927

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 02/23/2010

**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) This represents the payment of an award granted on May 30, 2007 under the Amended and Restated Executive Incentive Plan of Platinum Underwriters Holdings, Ltd. (the "Company") for the 2007-2009 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, 2010, 50% of these share units vested and the Company issued to the reporting person one Common Share of the Company for each vested share unit. On February 21, 2011 the Company will issue to the reporting person one Common Share for each of the remaining 50% of the share

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units awarded to the reporting person.

These share units were awarded on February 22, 2010 under the Share Incentive Plan of the Company. These share units will vest ratably in four annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant. On each of the vesting dates, the Company will issue to

(4) the reporting person one Common Share of the Company for each vested share unit, reduced by the number of Common Shares which are equal in Fair Market Value (as defined in the 2006 Share Incentive Plan) on such date to the reporting person's tax withholding obligation.

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