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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Mitchell H Elizabeth Issuer Symbol PLATINUM UNDERWRITERS (Check all applicable) **HOLDINGS LTD [PTP]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

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

Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title

02/08/2013

below) President & CEO - Platinum US

PLATINUM UNDERWRITERS REINSURANCE, INC., 2 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER, SUITE 2300

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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NEW YORK, NY 10281

(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. Securit our Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Shares	02/08/2013		M	24,394	A	\$ 30.75	171,213	D		
Common Shares	02/08/2013		S	24,394	D	\$ 50.2458 (1)	146,819	D		
Common Shares	02/08/2013		M	26,059	A	\$ 30.58	172,878	D		
Common	02/08/2013		S	26,059	D	\$	146,819	D		

Shares 50.2504 (2)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed or (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.75	02/08/2013		M	24,394	(3)	02/23/2015	Common Shares	24,3
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.58	02/08/2013		M	26,059	<u>(4)</u>	02/27/2016	Common Shares	26,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Mitchell H Elizabeth
PLATINUM UNDERWRITERS REINSURANCE,

INC. 2 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER, SUITE 2300

NEW YORK, NY 10281

President & CEO - Platinum US

Signatures

/s/ Christina M. Parker, Attorney-in-Fact 02/11/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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).
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$50.00 to \$50.6525. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sales price. The reporting person hereby undertakes, upon request of the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, to provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$50.01 to \$50.6525. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sales price. The reporting person hereby undertakes, upon request of the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, to provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (3) The option vested in four equal annual installments beginning on February 24, 2006.
- (4) The option vested in four equal annual installments beginning on February 28, 2007.

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