

PLATINUM UNDERWRITERS HOLDINGS LTD
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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)

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Porter Robert S</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>FITZWILLIAM HOUSE,Â 10 ST. MARY AXE, 6TH FLOOR</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>LONDON,Â X0Â EC3A 8EN</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>02/26/2006</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>PLATINUM UNDERWRITERS HOLDINGS LTD [PTP]</p> <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) CEO - Platinum UK</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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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) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Shares | 17,197 | D | Â |

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 | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Non-qualified Option (Right to Buy) | Â (1) | 10/31/2012 | Common Shares | 50,000 | \$ 22.5 | D | Â |
| Non-qualified Option (Right to Buy) | Â (2) | 06/15/2013 | Common Shares | 50,000 | \$ 26.74 | D | Â |
| Non-qualified Option (Right to Buy) | Â (3) | 02/23/2015 | Common Shares | 10,673 | \$ 30.75 | D | Â |
| Restricted share units | Â (4) | Â (4) | Common Shares | 2,846 | \$ (5) | D | Â |
| Non-qualified Option (Right to Buy) | Â (6) | 02/27/2016 | Common Shares | 58,253 | \$ 30.58 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Porter Robert S FITZWILLIAM HOUSE 10 ST. MARY AXE, 6TH FLOOR LONDON, X0 EC3A 8EN | Â | Â | Â CEO - Platinum UK | Â |

Signatures

/s/Michael E. Lombardozzi
Attorney-In-Fact

03/01/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- (1) The option vests in equal installments over four years on each anniversary following the date of the grant, November 1, 2002.
- (2) The option vests in equal installments over four years on each anniversary following the date of the grant, June 16, 2003.
- (3) The option vests in equal installments over four years on each anniversary following the date of the grant, February 24, 2005.

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 the grant, February 24, 2005, the Company will

- (4) issue 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.
- (5) 1-for-1
- (6) The option vests in equal installments over three years on each anniversary following the date of the grant, February 28, 2006.

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