

Porter Robert S  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
Porter Robert S

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)

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

CEO - Platinum Bermuda

THE BELVEDERE BUILDING, 69  
PITTS BAY ROAD, 2ND FLOOR

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(Street)  
  
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  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Shares                   | 02/21/2010                           |  | M                              |   | 6,189   | A  | \$ 0                              |
| Common Shares                   | 02/21/2010                           |  | A                              |   | 20,420<br><u>(1)</u>  | A  | \$ 0                              |

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. Price or Value of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Share units                                | (2)  | 02/21/2010                           |  | M                              | 6,189   | (3) (3)  | Common Shares (3)   | 6,189 \$  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                        |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |
| Porter Robert S<br>THE BELVEDERE BUILDING<br>69 PITTS BAY ROAD, 2ND FLOOR<br>PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08 |               |           | CEO - Platinum Bermuda |       |

## Signatures

/s/Michael E. Lombardozzi  
Attorney-in-Fact  
Date: 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  
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.
- (3) On February 21, 2011 the Company will issue to the reporting person one Common Share for each of the remaining 50% of the share units awarded to the reporting person.

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