

PLATINUM UNDERWRITERS HOLDINGS LTD
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FORM 4

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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 *
 NEWMAN STEVEN H

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)
 01/02/2008

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

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

(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 O8

(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)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Shares	01/02/2008		M	418 A 11	90,418	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)

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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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
Share units	<u>(2)</u>	01/02/2008		A	867	<u>(3)</u> <u>(3)</u>	Common Shares <u>(3)</u>	867
Share units	<u>(2)</u>	01/02/2008		M	418	<u>(5)</u> <u>(5)</u>	Common Shares <u>(5)</u>	418

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NEWMAN STEVEN H THE BELVEDERE BUILDING, 2ND FLOOR 69 PITTS BAY ROAD PEMBROKE, D0 HM O8	X			

Signatures

/s/ Michael E. Lombardozzi, 01/03/2008
 Attorney-in-Fact Date
 **Signature of Reporting Person

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) Not applicable.
- (2) 1-for-1

(3) The share units were credited under the Share Unit Plan for Nonemployee Directors (the "Plan") and will be paid in cash, Common Shares of Platinum Underwriters Holdings, Ltd. (the "Company") or a combination thereof at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Company based on the Fair Market Value (as defined in the Plan) of the Common Shares on the first business day following the earlier of (i) the date that is five years following the end of the calendar year that includes the calendar quarter in respect of which the share units are awarded (which is the quarter preceding the transaction date), or (ii) the date that the reporting person ceases to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Company.

(4) Includes an administrative adjustment of one (1) additional share unit deemed to have been purchased with cash dividends, which dividends were credited as share units pursuant to the Plan prior to an amendment to the Plan in July, 2006 providing that future cash dividends be credited in cash rather than share units.

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The share units were credited under the Plan and were paid in Common Shares of the Company on the first business day following the end of the calendar year that included the calendar quarter in respect of which the share units were awarded.

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