

PLATINUM UNDERWRITERS HOLDINGS LTD  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 SCHMIDT NEAL J

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)  
 02/28/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 US Exec. VP and Chief Actuary

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

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. 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)  | Code  | V  | Amount                            | (D) | Price |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Restricted share units                     | <u>(1)</u>   | 02/28/2006                           |  | A                              | 4,476   | <u>(2)</u> <u>(2)</u>                                    | Common Shares <u>(2)</u>                                    | 4,476                      |
| Non-qualified Option (Right to Buy)        | \$ 30.58   | 02/28/2006                           |  | A                              | 16,785  | <u>(4)</u> 02/27/2016                                    | Common Shares   | 16,785                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| SCHMIDT NEAL J<br>PLATINUM UNDERWRITERS REINSURANCE, INC.<br>2 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER, SUITE 2300<br>NEW YORK, NY 10281 |               |           | US Exec. VP and Chief Actuary |       |

## 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 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) 1-for-1

(2) 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 grant, the Company will issue to the reporting person one Common Share of the Company for 50% of the RSU's 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.

(3) Not applicable.

(4) The option vests in equal installments over four years on each anniversary following the date of grant.

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