Steffen Christopher J Form 4 April 27, 2011

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Steffen Christopher J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

PLATINUM UNDERWRITERS **HOLDINGS LTD [PTP]**

(Check all applicable)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/27/2011

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

C/O PLATINUM UNDERWRITERS HOLDINGS, LTD., 69 PITTS BAY ROAD, 3RD **FLOOR**

(First)

(Middle)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Month/Day/Year)

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

PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

6,362

Code Amount (D) Price

Common 04/27/2011 Shares

M

1,362 Α

\$0

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)

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 orDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Share units	(1)	04/27/2011		M		1,362	(2)	(2)	Common Shares (2)	1,362
Share units	(1)	04/27/2011		A	1,341		(3)	(3)	Common Shares (3)	1,341

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Steffen Christopher J C/O PLATINUM UNDERWRITERS HOLDINGS, LTD. 69 PITTS BAY ROAD, 3RD FLOOR PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08



Signatures

Christina M. Parker, Attorney-in-fact 04/27/2011

**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
- These share units were awarded on April 29, 2010 pursuant to the Company's 2010 Share Incentive Plan. On the date of the Company's 2011 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, the Company issued to the reporting person one Common Share of the Company for each of the share units awarded to the reporting person.
- These shares were awarded on April 27, 2011 pursuant to the Company's 2010 Share Incentive Plan. On the earlier to occur of the first anniversary of the date of the grant or the date of the Company's next Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, the Company will issue to the reporting person one Common Share of the Company for each of the share units awarded to the reporting person, subject to the reporting person's continued service with the Company through the applicable vesting date.

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