

Kurtzman Kenneth A  
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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 \*  
 Kurtzman Kenneth A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 PLATINUM UNDERWRITERS HOLDINGS LTD [PTP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 EVP & Chief Risk Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)

PLATINUM ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, INC., 2 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER, SUITE 2300

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/13/2009

(Street)  
 NEW YORK, NY 10281

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

(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 Price                                    |   |  |                                   |
| Common Shares                   | 03/13/2009                           |  | M                              | 2,282 A \$ 0  | 18,225  | D  |                                   |
| Common Shares                   | 03/13/2009                           |  | F                              | 816 D \$ 27.31  | 17,409  | 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 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. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr. |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                     | Amount or Number of Shares |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |   |                           |                            |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Code   | V   | (A)                       | (D)                        |
| Restricted share units                     | (1)  | 03/13/2009                           |  | M                              | 2,282   | (2)  | (2)   | Common Shares (2)         | 2,282                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| Kurtzman Kenneth A<br>PLATINUM ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, INC.<br>2 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER, SUITE 2300<br>NEW YORK, NY 10281 |               |           | EVP & Chief Risk Officer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Michael E. Lombardozzi Attorney  
in Fact 03/17/2009

\_\_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).

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These restricted share units ("RSUs") were awarded on March 13, 2006 under the 2002 Share Incentive Plan of Platinum Underwriters Holdings, Ltd. (the "Company"). On the third anniversary of the date of grant, the Company issued to the reporting person one Common

- (2) Share of the Company for each of 50% of the RSUs awarded to the reporting person. On the fourth anniversary of the date of grant, the Company will issue to the reporting person one Common Share for each of the remaining 50% of the RSUs awarded to the reporting person.

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