

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 \*  
 CARMICHAEL DAN R

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)  
 605 OCEAN CLUB COURT  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/02/2009

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

AMELIA ISLAND, FL 32034  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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			
Common Shares	01/02/2009		M	1,555 A \$ 0	17,081	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. Amount or Number of Shares
Share units	<u>(1)</u>	01/02/2009		A	V (A) 1,421	<u>(2)</u> <u>(2)</u>	Common Shares <u>(2)</u>	1,421
Share units	<u>(1)</u>	01/02/2009		M	(D) 1,555	<u>(3)</u> <u>(3)</u>	Common Shares <u>(3)</u>	1,555

### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CARMICHAEL DAN R 605 OCEAN CLUB COURT AMELIA ISLAND, FL 32034			X	

### Signatures

/s/ Michael E. Lombardozzi,    01/05/2009  
 Attorney-in-fact    Date

        \*\*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
 

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.
  - (3) 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 quarters in respect of which the share units were awarded.
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