

SCHMIDT NEAL J
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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)
02/23/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Exec. VP and Chief Actuary

PLATINUM ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Shares	02/24/2009		M		2,439	A	\$ 0
Common Shares	02/24/2009		F		997	D	\$ 27.9

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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Share units	(1)	02/23/2009		A	10,210	(2)	(2)	Common Shares (2)	10,210
Restricted share units	(1)	02/24/2009		M	2,439	(3)	(3)	Common Shares (3)	2,439

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
SCHMIDT NEAL J PLATINUM ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, INC. 2 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER, SUITE 2300 NEW YORK, NY 10281	Director 10% Owner Officer Exec. VP and Chief Actuary

Signatures

/s/ Michael E. Lombardozzi, Attorney in Fact 02/25/2009

**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 share units were awarded under the 2006 Share Incentive Plan (the "SIP") of Platinum Underwriters Holdings, Ltd. (the "Company"). These share units will vest ratably in four annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant. On each of the vesting dates, the Company will issue to the reporting person one Common Share of the Company for each vested share unit, reduced by the number of Common Shares which are equal in Fair Market Value (as defined in the SIP) on such date to the reporting person's tax withholding obligation.

(3) These restricted share units ("RSUs") were awarded on February 24, 2005 under the 2002 Share Incentive Plan of the Company. On the fourth anniversary of the date of the grant, the Company issued to the reporting person one Common Share of the Company for each of the final 50% of the RSUs awarded to the reporting person.

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