

2,500,000 (see Item 4(b))

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,500,000 (see Item 4(b))

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

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11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

4.1% (see Item 4(b))

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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*SEE INSTRUCTION BEFORE FILLING OUT

On December 6, 2005, RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. ("RenaissanceRe") sold an aggregate of 3,960,000 common shares, par value \$0.01 (the "Common Shares"), of Platinum Underwriters Holdings, Ltd. ("Platinum"), thereby reducing RenaissanceRe's beneficial ownership of Platinum below 5%. The Common Shares were registered under Platinum's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-113823) initially filed by Platinum with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 22, 2004.

Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:

Platinum Underwriters Holdings, Ltd.

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

The Belvedere Building
69 Pitts Bay Road
Pembroke, HM 08
Bermuda

Items 2(a) and 2(b) Name of Person Filing and Address of Business Office:

RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd.

Renaissance House
8-20 East Broadway
Pembroke HM 19
Bermuda

Item 2(c) Citizenship:

Bermuda

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Shares, \$0.01 par value

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:

G7127F100

Item 3 If this statement is filed pursuant to ss.ss.

240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d2(b) or (c), check whether the

person filing is a:

Not Applicable.

Item 4 Ownership:

Item 4(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

2,500,000

Item 4(b) Percent of Class:

4.1%

On November 1, 2002, RenaissanceRe acquired an option to purchase up to an aggregate of 2,500,000 Common Shares from Platinum for an exercise price of \$27.00 per share. Pursuant to an amendment to the option, dated November 18, 2004, any exercise of the option is now required to be settled on a net share basis, thereby reducing the number of Common Shares issuable to RenaissanceRe. Based upon the average closing price per share for the ten-day period ending November 22, 2005, 278,966 Common Shares would have been issuable to RenaissanceRe upon exercise of this option, resulting in beneficial ownership of 0.5%. RenaissanceRe's beneficial ownership of 4.1% was calculated based upon 54,654,037 Common Shares outstanding as of December 2, 2005 (as disclosed in Platinum's 424(b) Prospectus, filed on December 2, 2005 (the "424(b) Prospectus")), plus 3,316,750 Common Shares issued by Platinum on December 6, 2005 in connection with an underwritten public offering pursuant to the 424(b) Prospectus, plus 2,500,000 Common Shares issuable by Platinum to RenaissanceRe upon exercise of the option.

Item 4(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:

- (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: 2,500,000
- (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 0
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
2,500,000
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition
of: 0

Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [X].

Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of

Another Person:

Not Applicable.

Item 7 Identification and Classification of the

Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being

Reported on By the Parent Holding Company:

Not Applicable.

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members

of the Group:

Not Applicable.

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group:

Not Applicable.

Item 10 Certification:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the

purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: December 8, 2005

By: /s/ Stephen H. Weinstein

Name: Stephen H. Weinstein

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary