

PLATINUM UNDERWRITERS HOLDINGS LTD
Form 8-K
May 18, 2005

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

May 17, 2005

Platinum Underwriters Holdings, Ltd.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda

001-31341

98-0416483

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

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

HM 08

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(441) 295-7195

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On May 17, 2005, Platinum Re (UK) Limited ("Platinum UK"), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Platinum Underwriters Holdings, Ltd. ("Platinum Holdings"), and Platinum Underwriters Reinsurance, Inc. ("Platinum US"), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Platinum Holdings, entered into an Excess of Loss Retrocession Agreement (the "Excess of Loss Agreement"), a copy of which agreement is furnished herewith as Exhibit 10.1. Under the agreement Platinum US will provide retrocessional reinsurance of Platinum UK's property losses in Europe and Japan for the period April 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006, subject to a \$60 million retention by Platinum UK and a limit of liability to Platinum US of \$50 million per occurrence and \$100 million in the aggregate for all occurrences.

On May 17, 2005, Platinum Underwriters Bermuda, Ltd. ("Platinum Bermuda"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Platinum Holdings, and Platinum US entered into an addendum to their Quota Share Retrocession Agreement dated as of January 1, 2004 (the "Quota Share Agreement"), a copy of which addendum is furnished herewith as Exhibit 10.2. The addendum excludes from the Quota Share Agreement property losses ceded to Platinum US under the Excess of Loss Agreement.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 10.1 Excess of Loss Retrocession Agreement between Platinum Re (UK) Limited and Platinum Underwriters Reinsurance, Inc. effective as of April 1, 2005.

Exhibit 10.2 Addendum No. 2 to the Quota Share Retrocession Agreement dated as of January 1, 2004 between Platinum Underwriters Bermuda, Ltd. and Platinum Underwriters Reinsurance, Inc., effective as of April 1, 2005.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Platinum Underwriters Holdings, Ltd.

May 17, 2005

By: *Michael E. Lombardozzi*

Name: Michael E. Lombardozzi
Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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