

PLATINUM UNDERWRITERS HOLDINGS LTD

Form 8-A12B

November 29, 2005

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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
FORM 8-A  
FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(B) OR 12(G) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
PLATINUM UNDERWRITERS HOLDINGS, LTD.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)**

**Bermuda**

**98-041683**

(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation or Organization)

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

**THE BELVEDERE BUILDING  
69 PITTS BAY ROAD  
PEMBROKE, HM 08  
BERMUDA  
(441) 295-7195**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box.

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), check the following box.

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: 333-129182

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class  
to be so registered

Name of each exchange  
on which each class is to be registered  
New York Stock Exchange

Series A Mandatory Convertible Preferred Shares,  
par value \$0.01 per share

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

Title of each class  
to be so registered  
None

Name of each exchange  
on which each class is to be registered

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**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**ITEM 1. DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT S SECURITIES TO BE REGISTERED**

The description of the securities to be registered hereunder is set forth under the caption Description of the Series A Mandatory Convertible Preferred Shares in the Prospectus Supplement, dated November 28, 2005, supplementing the Prospectus, dated November 4, 2005 (the Prospectus Supplement ), of Platinum Underwriters Holdings, Ltd. (the Registrant ), which constitutes a part of the registration statement (the Registration Statement ) on Form S-3 (File No. 333-129182) of the Registrant which was initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission ) on October 21, 2005 and subsequently amended by pre-effective amendment on November 4, 2005, and which became effective on November 8, 2005. The Prospectus Supplement, which was filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and forms a part of the Registration Statement, is deemed to be incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

**ITEM 2. EXHIBITS**

**Exhibit**

**Number Description**

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| 3.1 | Memorandum of Association (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of Amendment No. 2 to our Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-86906)).  |
| 3.2 | Bye-laws (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q dated August 6, 2004).  |
| 3.3 | Form of Certificate of Designations setting forth the specific rights, preferences, limitations, restrictions and other terms and conditions of the Series A Mandatory Convertible Preferred Shares.   |
| 4.1 | Form of Series A Mandatory Convertible Preferred Shares certificate evidencing the Series A Mandatory Convertible Preferred Shares (included in Exhibit 3.3 to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit A to the Form of Certificate of Designations). |
| 4.2 | Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-129182) (filed with the Commission on October 21, 2005, and filed by amendment with the Commission on November 4, 2005 and incorporated herein by reference.)   |
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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**PLATINUM UNDERWRITERS HOLDINGS,  
LTD.**

By: /s/ Michael D. Price

Name: Michael D. Price  
Title: President, Chief Executive  
Officer and Director

Date: November 29, 2005