

PLATINUM UNDERWRITERS HOLDINGS LTD  
Form 8-K  
May 16, 2005

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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 16, 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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 8.01. Other Events.**

On May 16, 2005, Platinum Underwriters Holdings, Ltd. issued the attached press release "Platinum Underwriters Holdings, Ltd. Announces Preferred Shares Offering and Senior Notes Offering." The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated May 16, 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 16, 2005

By: *Michael E. Lombardozzi*

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

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| <b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b> | <b><u>Description</u></b>        |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 99.1                      | Press release dated May 16, 2005 |