PLATINUM UNDERWRITERS HOLDINGS LTD Form 8-K April 28, 2006

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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) April 25, 2006

Platinum Underwriters Holdings, Ltd.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

001-31341 Bermuda 98-0416483

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification

No.)

The Belvedere Building 69 Pitts Bay Road Pembroke, Bermuda

HM 08

(Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

(441) 295-7195

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or address, if changed since last report)

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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On April 25, 2006, the shareholders of Platinum Underwriters Holdings, Ltd. (the Company) approved the Company s 2006 Share Incentive Plan at the Company s 2006 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, as recommended by the Company s Board of Directors. The 2006 Share Incentive Plan, which replaces the Company s 2002 Share Incentive Plan, provides for the award of equity-based compensation to employees, officers, directors, agents, consultants, and advisors of the Company. The foregoing description is qualified in its entirety by reference to the 2006 Share Incentive Plan, a copy of which was filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company s Form S-8 Registration Statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 25, 2006, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On April 26, 2006, the Company issued a press release reporting its financial results as of and for the quarter ended March 31, 2006. A copy of the press release, as well as a financial supplement, are furnished herewith as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, respectively. The information hereunder is not deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is not otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section and is not incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated April 26, 2006

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, Platinum Underwriters Holdings, Ltd. has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

PLATINUM UNDERWRITERS HOLDINGS, LTD.

By: /s/ Michael E. Lombardozzi Michael E. Lombardozzi Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Chief Administrative

Officer

Date: April 27, 2006

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