

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CHARMAN JOHN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD  
[AXS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED, 92 PITTS BAY ROAD

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/19/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
CEO, President and Deputy Chair

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount or Price                                                                               |                                                          |                                   |
| Common Shares                   | 03/19/2008                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                   | 800,000 A \$ 12.5                                                                             | 1,432,064                                                | D                                 |
| Common Shares                   | 03/19/2008                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 800,000 (1) D \$ 34.0461                                                                      | 632,064                                                  | D                                 |
| Common Shares                   | 03/20/2008                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                   | 775,000 A \$ 12.5                                                                             | 1,407,064                                                | D                                 |
| Common Shares                   | 03/20/2008                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 775,000 (2) D \$ 33.0744                                                                      | 632,064                                                  | D                                 |
| Common Shares                   |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               | 497,704 (3)                                              | I                                 |

By  
N.I.M.I.C.



## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- (1) 800,000 consists of the trades listed on Exhibit 1.
- (2) 775,000 consists of the trades listed on Exhibit 1.
- (3) Mr. Charman disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by N.I.M.I.C. International Ltd. (formerly known as the JR Charman Children's Settlement).
- (4) Mr. Charman disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the Dragon Holdings Trust.
- (5) The Employee Stock Option vested in three annual equal installments commencing October 1, 2001.
- (6) Grant of Employee Stock Option.

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