

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD  
Form 8-K  
March 04, 2005

## 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): **March 3, 2005**

## AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Bermuda**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-31721**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**98-0395986**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**106 Pitts Bay Road**  
**Pembroke, Bermuda**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**HM 08**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **441-296-2600**

**Not Applicable**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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**Item 5.02**            **Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On March 3, 2005, AXIS Capital Holdings Limited, a Bermuda company (the Company ), was informed by a member of its board of directors, Mr. Robert J. Newhouse, Jr., that he intended to retire from the Company 's board of directors and would not stand for reelection at the Company 's next annual general meeting of shareholders.

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.

Dated: March 4, 2005

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

By: */s/ Andrew Cook*  
Andrew Cook  
Chief Financial Officer