

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 COOK ANDREW

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)  
 C/O AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED, 106 PITTS BAY ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/10/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Chief Financial Officer

PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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				(A) or (D)	Price
Common Shares	02/10/2006		M			60,000	A	\$ 12.5	324,000	D	
Common Shares	02/10/2006		M			80,000	A	\$ 14.5	404,000	D	
Common Shares	02/10/2006		S			900	D	\$ 31.36	403,100	D	
Common Shares	02/10/2006		S			500	D	\$ 31.35	402,600	D	
Common Shares	02/10/2006		S			1,800	D	\$ 31.34	400,800	D	

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Common Shares	02/10/2006	S	1,400	D	\$ 31.32	399,400	D
Common Shares	02/10/2006	S	2,500	D	\$ 31.31	396,900	D
Common Shares	02/10/2006	S	1,300	D	\$ 31.3	395,600	D
Common Shares	02/10/2006	S	1,100	D	\$ 31.28	394,500	D
Common Shares	02/10/2006	S	100	D	\$ 31.27	394,400	D
Common Shares	02/10/2006	S	100	D	\$ 31.25	394,300	D
Common Shares	02/10/2006	S	800	D	\$ 31.24	393,500	D
Common Shares	02/10/2006	S	2,600	D	\$ 31.23	390,900	D
Common Shares	02/10/2006	S	600	D	\$ 31.22	390,300	D
Common Shares	02/10/2006	S	3,900	D	\$ 31.21	386,400	D
Common Shares	02/10/2006	S	2,000	D	\$ 31.2	384,400	D
Common Shares	02/10/2006	S	800	D	\$ 31.19	383,600	D
Common Shares	02/10/2006	S	5,300	D	\$ 31.18	378,300	D
Common Shares	02/10/2006	S	1,100	D	\$ 31.17	377,200	D
Common Shares	02/10/2006	S	2,800	D	\$ 31.16	374,400	D
Common Shares	02/10/2006	S	2,400	D	\$ 31.15	372,000	D
Common Shares	02/10/2006	S	900	D	\$ 31.11	371,100	D
Common Shares	02/10/2006	S	1,500	D	\$ 31.08	369,600	D
Common Shares	02/10/2006	S	100	D	\$ 31.07	369,500	D
Common Shares	02/10/2006	S	800	D	\$ 31.06	368,700	D
	02/10/2006	S	1,000	D		367,700	D

Common Shares \$ 31.05

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 12.5	02/10/2006		M	60,000	<u>(1)</u> 10/15/2011	Common Shares	60,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 14.5	02/10/2006		M	80,000	<u>(2)</u> 10/15/2012	Common Shares	80,000

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

COOK ANDREW  
C/O AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED  
106 PITTS BAY ROAD  
PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08

Chief Financial Officer

## Signatures

Andrew Cook 02/14/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## 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).

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- (1) The Employee Stock Option vests in three equal installments commencing on 10/15/2002.
- (2) The Employee Stock Option vests in three equal installments commencing on 10/15/2003.
- (3) Grant of Employee Stock Option.

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