

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.**

Common Shares	1,804,908 <u>(4)</u>	I	International Ltd. By Dragon Holdings Trust
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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 12.5	03/19/2008		M	800,000	<u>(5)</u> 09/30/2011	Common Shares 800,000		
Employee Stock Option	\$ 12.5	03/20/2008		M	775,000	<u>(5)</u> 09/30/2011	Common Shares 775,000		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHARMAN JOHN AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED 92 PITTS BAY ROAD PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08	X		CEO, President and Deputy Chair	

## Signatures

Richard T. Gieryn, Jr.,  
Attorney-in-Fact

03/20/2008

          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).

- (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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