

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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 GRESSIER 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)  
 92 PITTS BAY ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/24/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Chairman, AXIS Insurance

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Shares	02/24/2010		M		60,000 A \$ 12.5	509,739	D
Common Shares	02/24/2010		S		60,000 (1) D \$ 31.3019	449,739	D
Common Shares	02/24/2010		M		80,000 A \$ 14.5	529,739	D
Common Shares	02/24/2010		S		80,000 (1) D \$ 31.3019	449,739	D

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	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 12.5	02/24/2010		M	60,000	<sup>(2)</sup>	03/31/2012	Common	60,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 14.5	02/24/2010		M	80,000	<sup>(4)</sup>	12/11/2012	Common	80,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GRESSIER JOHN 92 PITTS BAY ROAD PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08			Chairman, AXIS Insurance	

## Signatures

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

02/24/2010

\*\*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) The aggregate 140,000 shares consists of the trades listed on Exhibit 1.

(2) The Employee Stock Option vested in three equal installments commencing 4/1/2002.

(3) Grant of Employee Stock Option.

(4) The Employee Stock Option vested in three equal installments commencing 12/12/2002.

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