

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD
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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 Indirect Beneficial 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)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
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

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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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