

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD
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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 *
 Gieryn Richard T JR

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)
 02/03/2015

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 General Counsel and Secretary

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Shares	02/04/2015		M	4,500	A \$ 0	79,530	D
Common Shares	02/04/2015		D	2,250	D \$ 51.06	77,280	D
Common Shares	02/04/2015		F	789	D \$ 51.06	76,491	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			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
					Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	

				5. Number of Derivative Securities			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 or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	02/03/2015		A		6,314		<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Shares	6,314
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	02/03/2015		A		702		<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Shares	702
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	02/04/2015		M		4,500		<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Shares	4,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Giern Richard T JR 92 PITTS BAY ROAD PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08			General Counsel and Secretary	

Signatures

Richard T.
Giern, Jr. 02/05/2015

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Upon vesting, each restricted stock unit will be equal in value to one common share (50% of the restricted stock units will be settled in common shares and 50% will be settled in cash).
- (2) The restricted stock units will vest in four equal annual installments beginning March 1, 2016.
- (3) Represents a guaranteed minimum award of performance-based restricted stock units. The award may increase up to 14,032 restricted stock units provided that certain Company performance conditions are satisfied. The award will be eligible to vest in a single installment

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on March 1, 2018.

(4) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning February 4, 2014.

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