

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD

Form 4

January 18, 2005

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
STRACHAN RICHARD

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS
LIMITED, 106 PITTS BAY ROAD**

(Street)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD
[AXS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/13/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Chief Claims Officer

PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08

(City) (State) (Zip)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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	01/13/2005		A		8,000	A	<u>11</u> 124,000

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)

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee Stock Option	\$ 28.02	01/13/2005		A	15,000	01/13/2006 ⁽²⁾ 01/13/2015	Common Shares 15,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
STRACHAN RICHARD C/O AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED 106 PITTS BAY ROAD PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08	Chief Claims Officer

Signatures

John R. Charman,
Attorney-in-Fact
01/18/2005

**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) Grant of Restricted Stock.
- (2) The Employee Stock Option vests in three equal installments on the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (3) Grant of Employee Stock Option.

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