

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD
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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 *
FISCHER WILLIAM A

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)
C/O AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED, 106 PITTS BAY ROAD
(Street)

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

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
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PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08

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

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

(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		
				Code V	Amount		
Common Shares	01/13/2005		A	30,000	A	170,000	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)

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Sha
Employee Stock Option	\$ 28.02	01/13/2005		A	40,000	01/13/2006 ⁽²⁾ 01/13/2015	Common Shares	40,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FISCHER WILLIAM A
C/O AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED
106 PITTS BAY ROAD
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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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