#### AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD

Form 4

February 24, 2006

## FORM 4

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DAVIS CHARLES A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD [AXS]				Is	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 17 FIELD	(First) (POINT DRIVE	(Middle)	3. Date of	Day/Year)	Transaction			X Director Officer (give titelow)		Owner r (specify	
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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deeme Execution any (Month/Da	ed Date, if	3.	4. Securities owr Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 ar	Acquir	-	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)	
Common Shares	02/22/2006			S	2,982,538	D	\$ 31.29	10,724,137	I	See Notes (1) (2) (3) (4)	
Common	02/22/2006			S	83,500	D	\$ 31.20	300,236	I	See Notes (1) (2) (3)	

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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. DiNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			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
Warrants	\$ 12.5					<u>(5)</u>	11/20/2011	Common Shares	16,918,312
Warrants	\$ 12.5					<u>(5)</u>	11/20/2011	Common Shares	473,264

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
r g	Director	10% Owner	Officer Other				
DAVIS CHARLES A							
17 FIELD POINT DRIVE	X						
GREENWICH, CT 06830							

## **Signatures**

Charles A.
Davis

\*\*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).
- Mr. Davis is one of the four general partners of Trident Capital II, L.P. ("Trident GP"), which is the sole general partner of Trident II, L.P. ("Trident II"). Mr. Davis is also a director and shareholder of Stone Point GP Ltd., the entity that is the sole general partner of Marsh & McLennan Capital Professionals Fund, L.P. ("CPF"). Mr. Davis is also chief executive officer and a member of Stone Point Capital LLC, which serves as the investment manager of Trident II and CPF.
- As noted above, Trident II beneficially owns 10,724,137 Common Shares and Warrants to Purchase 16,918,312 Common Shares. Mr.

  Davis disclaims beneficial ownership of the Common Shares and Warrants that are, or may be deemed to be, beneficially owned by Trident II except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein. This report shall not be deemed an admission that Mr. Davis is the beneficial owner of such Common Shares or Warrants.

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CPF beneficially owns 300,236 Common Shares and Warrants to Purchase 473,264 Common Shares. Mr. Davis disclaims beneficial ownership of the Common Shares and Warrants that are, or may be deemed to be, beneficially owned by CPF except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein. This report shall not be deemed an admission that Mr. Davis is the beneficial owner of such Common Shares or Warrants.

- Marsh & McLennan Employees' Securities Company, L.P. ("ESC") beneficially owns 301,896 Common Shares and Warrants to purchase 476,528 Common Shares. ESC has entered into an agreement with Trident II and CPF pursuant to which the parties have agreed to
- (4) coordinate their disposition of Common Shares and Warrants of AXIS. Mr. Davis disclaims beneficial ownership of the Common Shares and Warrants that are, or may be deemed to be, beneficially owned by ESC. This report shall not be deemed an admission that Mr. Davis is the beneficial owner of such Common Shares or Warrants.
- (5) Warrants are currently exercisable.

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