

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 \*  
**MORAN CLARE E**

(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)  
EVP & Controller

**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. 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> 70,750

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 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/13/2015	Common Shares 15,0

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
MORAN CLARE E C/O AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED 106 PITTS BAY ROAD PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08	EVP & Controller

## Signatures

Clare E. Moran 01/18/2005  
 \*\*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) 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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