

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD  
Form 8-K  
March 12, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**Current Report**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 12, 2012

**AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED**

(Exact Name Of Registrant As Specified In Charter)

**Bermuda**  
(State of Incorporation)

**001-31721**  
(Commission File No.)  
92 Pitts Bay Road

**98-0395986**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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**Pembroke HM 08, Bermuda**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**(441) 496-2600**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not applicable**

(Former name or address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2 below):

- ..  Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- ..  Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ..  Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Items 8.01 Other Events.**

On March 12, 2012, AXIS Capital Holdings Limited (the "AXIS Capital"), a Bermuda company, issued a press release announcing the commencement of a tender offer to purchase for cash any and all of its outstanding 7.50% Series B Preferred Shares, par value \$0.0125 per share and liquidation preference \$100.00 per share, at a purchase price of \$102.81 per share, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase dated March 12, 2012. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

**Exhibit**

| <b>Number</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
|---------------|---|
| 99.1          | Press Release of AXIS Capital Holdings Limited, dated March 12, 2012. |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: March 12, 2012

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

By: /s/ Richard T. Gieryn, Jr.

Name: Richard T. Gieryn, Jr.

Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel and  
Secretary