AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD Form 8-K February 16, 2017

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): February 16, 2017 (February 13, 2017)

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

(Exact Name Of Registrant As Specified In Charter)

Bermuda (State 001-31721 (Commission 98-0395986 (I.R.S. Employer

of Incorporation)

File No.) 92 Pitts Bay Road **Identification No.)**

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Pembroke, Bermuda HM 08

(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):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e(4)(c))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On February 13, 2017, John Jay Nichols resigned from his position as Chief Executive Officer of AXIS Reinsurance at AXIS Capital Holdings Limited, a Bermuda company (the Company). Mr. Nichols has agreed to remain with the Company in a transitional role until March 31, 2017. The Company has named Jan Ekberg, who currently serves as President and Chief Underwriting Officer of AXIS Re Europe, to succeed Mr. Nichols as Interim Chief Executive Officer of AXIS Reinsurance.

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: February 16, 2017

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

By: /s/ Conrad D. Brooks Conrad D. Brooks General Counsel