AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD

Form 4

January 20, 2009

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Large Sir Andrew

(Last)

(City)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD

[AXS]

(Month/Day/Year) 01/15/2009

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director Officer (give title below)

Issuer

10% Owner Other (specify

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C/O AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED, 92 PITTS BAY ROAD

(State)

(First)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Middle)

(Zip)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount Price (D)

(A)

Common 01/15/2009 Shares

A 1,170

Α (1) 5,024 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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)			ate	7. Title Amoun Under	nt of lying ities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene
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					of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						(Instr
					4, and 3)				Amount		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	or Number of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
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Large Sir Andrew C/O AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED 92 PITTS BAY ROAD PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08	X					

Signatures

Richard T. Gieryn, Jr.,
Attorney-in-Fact

**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) Common Shares issued as directors' fees using the closing sale price on January 15, 2009 of \$27.77.

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