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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

FORRESTER W THOMAS

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD

[AXS]

below)

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

C/O AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED, 106 PITTS BAY ROAD

(First)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

11/23/2004

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X_ Director

Issuer

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

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 Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

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)

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

5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price Underlying Securities Derivati

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	•	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Secur Acqu (A) o Dispo of (D	rities pired or osed o) c. 3, 4,	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		Security (Instr. 5)
				Code \	7 (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>	11/23/2004		A	567		(2)	(2)	Common Shares	567	<u>(1)</u>

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FORRESTER W THOMAS C/O AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED 106 PITTS BAY ROAD PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08

Signatures

Carol S. Rivers, Attorney in Fact 11/24/2004

**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).

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- (1) The Phantom Stock represents shares issued in lieu of quarterly directors' fees that have been deferred using the closing sale price on September 30, 2004 of \$26.00 per share.
- (2) The Phantom Stock generally is distributed when service as a director ceases.

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