

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD  
 Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 O'SHAUGHNESSY JAMES

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD  
 [AXS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED, 92 PITTS BAY ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/04/2014

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP, CAO & Corp Controller

PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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. Transaction 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Shares	02/04/2014		M	1,874	A \$ 0	9,374	D
Common Shares	02/04/2014		D	937	D \$ 44.33	8,437	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)

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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	02/04/2014		M	1,874	(2) (2)	Common Shares	1,874
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	02/04/2014		A	6,767	(3) (3)	Common Shares	6,767
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	02/04/2014		A	3,383	(4) (4)	Common Shares	3,383

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

O'SHAUGHNESSY JAMES  
C/O AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED  
92 PITTS BAY ROAD  
PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08

EVP, CAO & Corp Controller

## Signatures

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

02/06/2014

\*\*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) Upon vesting, each restricted stock unit will be equal in value to one common share (50% of the restricted stock units will be settled in common shares and 50% will be settled in cash).
- (2) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning February 4, 2014.
- (3) The restricted stock units will vest in four equal annual installments beginning March 1, 2015.
- (4) The restricted stock units will vest in a single installment on March 1, 2017.

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