

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD
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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 *
GRESSIER JOHN

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)
92 PITTS BAY ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/09/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Chairman, AXIS Insurance

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Shares	05/09/2013		M	40,000	A \$ 29.62	159,375	D
Common Shares	05/09/2013		M	40,000	A \$ 28.02	199,375	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		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)		Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 29.62	05/09/2013		M	40,000	<u>(1)</u> 01/01/2014	Common	40,000		
Employee Stock Option	\$ 28.02	05/09/2013		M	40,000	<u>(3)</u> 01/12/2015	Common	40,000		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GRESSIER JOHN
92 PITTS BAY ROAD
PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08

Chairman, AXIS Insurance

Signatures

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

05/13/2013

 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) The Employee Stock Option vested in three equal installments commencing January 2, 2004.

(2) Grant of Employee Stock Option.

(3) The Employee Stock Option vested in three equal installments commencing January 13, 2005.

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