AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * KEANE MAURICE A

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Symbol

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Check all applicable)

[AXS]

06/20/2005

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

Indirect

Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

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

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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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(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

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

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4)

Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

or Code V Amount Price (D)

Common 06/20/2005 Shares

A 1.379 Α (1) 30,177

(A)

D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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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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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Titl		8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transact Code (Instr. 8)	orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	:		Amou Under Securi (Instr.	lying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KEANE MAURICE A C/O AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED 106 PITTS BAY ROAD PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08

Signatures

John R. Charman, Attorney-in-Fact 06/22/2005

**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) Common Shares issued as directors' fees using the closing sale price on June 20, 2005 of \$27.55 per share.

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