MAYR KARL Form 4 January 19, 2006

FORM 4

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

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MAYR KARL

Symbol

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD [AXS]

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS

LIMITED, 106 PITTS BAY ROAD

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

01/17/2006

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Zip)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Code V

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(D) or

Indirect (I)

(Instr. 4)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

AXIS Re Europe

below)

10% Owner

6. Ownership 7. Nature of

Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Form: Direct Indirect

Other (specify

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

Issuer

below)

Director

X_ Officer (give title

PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08

(City)

Common

Shares

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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

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

Securities

Beneficially

or Price Amount (D)

01/17/2006 A 50,000

Α <u>(1)</u>

D 114,000

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)			ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	nt of lying ities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene
	Derivative Security				Securities Acquired			(Instr.	3 and 4)		Owne Follo
					(A) or Disposed						Repo Trans
					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

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MAYR KARL C/O AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED 106 PITTS BAY ROAD PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08

AXIS Re Europe

Signatures

Carol S. Rivers, 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) Grant of Restricted Stock.

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