AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD

Form 4

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1(b).

(Last)

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

KEANE MAURICE A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Middle)

[AXS]

(Check all applicable)

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

11/23/2004

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

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

(Street)

(First)

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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(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)

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Reported

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Price

Common 11/23/2004 Shares

A

Code V Amount (D) 968 A \$ 26 25,042

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

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									Number		
									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				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

**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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