#### AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD

Form 4

December 16, 2008

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Lister Cheryl-Ann

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Symbol

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD

(Check all applicable)

[AXS]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X\_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year) 12/12/2008

C/O AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS

below)

LIMITED, 92 PITTS BAY ROAD

(Street)

(State)

12/12/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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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

PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08

Common

Shares

(City) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

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

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

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price

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

25.81

500

500 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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# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Lister Cheryl-Ann C/O AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED 92 PITTS BAY ROAD PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08	X						

## **Signatures**

Richard T. Gieryn, Jr.,
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).
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