AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD

Form 4

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

KEANE MAURICE A

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD [AXS]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First)

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

Symbol

(Middle)

X_ Director below)

10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

C/O AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED, 92 PITTS BAY ROAD

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

A

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

01/14/2011

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

PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

Shares

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (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 Securities Beneficially Owned Following (Instr. 4)

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

(Instr. 4)

Reported (A)

(1)

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

Common 01/14/2011 Code V Amount Price (D)

A

5,441

68,701 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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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)			ate	7. Title Amoun Under	nt of lying ities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene
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					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						
. 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
KEANE MAURICE A 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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Common Shares issued as directors' fees using January 14, 2011 closing price of \$35.29.

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