

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD

Form 4

May 26, 2006

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Friedman Robert L.

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD
[AXS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

345 PARK AVENUE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/24/2006

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

NEW YORK, NY 10154

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Shares	05/24/2006		P		100 \$ 26.47	4,900	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006		P		200 \$ 26.58	5,100	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006		P		300 \$ 26.58	5,400	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006		P		400 \$ 26.58	5,800	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006		P		200 \$ 26.6	6,000	D

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Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	100	A	\$ 26.6	6,100	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	100	A	\$ 26.6	6,200	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	100	A	\$ 26.66	6,300	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	100	A	\$ 26.66	6,400	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	200	A	\$ 26.66	6,600	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	200	A	\$ 26.65	6,800	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	200	A	\$ 26.64	7,000	D

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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Friedman Robert L. 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10154	X			

Signatures

John Charman

05/25/2006

__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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