AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

05/24/2006

Shares

1. Name and A Friedman R	Address of Reporting obert L.	Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or 'Symbol AXIS CAPITAL HOLDIN [AXS]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 345 PARK		Middle)		-	ransaction			_X_ Director Officer (give below)		Owner er (specify
				f Amendment, Date Original ed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Shares	05/24/2006			P	200	A	\$ 26.6	200	D	
Common Shares	05/24/2006			P	300	A	\$ 26.6	500	D	
Common Shares	05/24/2006			P	200	A	\$ 26.61	700	D	
Common Shares	05/24/2006			P	100	A	\$ 26.6	800	D	
Common	05/24/2006			р	100	A	\$	900	D	

100

900

26.57

D

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Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	100	A	\$ 26.6	1,000	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	100	A	\$ 26.6	1,100	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	200	A	\$ 26.61	1,300	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	200	A	\$ 26.57	1,500	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	100	A	\$ 26.56	1,600	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	200	A	\$ 26.57	1,800	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	200	A	\$ 26.57	2,000	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	200	A	\$ 26.56	2,200	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	300	A	\$ 26.56	2,500	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	300	A	\$ 26.56	2,800	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	200	A	\$ 26.56	3,000	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	100	A	\$ 26.56	3,100	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	200	A	\$ 26.56	3,300	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	100	A	\$ 26.47	3,400	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	100	A	\$ 26.47	3,500	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	100	A	\$ 26.47	3,600	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	100	A	\$ 26.47	3,700	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	100	A	\$ 26.48	3,800	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	200	A	\$ 26.51	4,000	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	200	A	\$ 26.53	4,200	D
	05/24/2006	P	100	A		4,300	D

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Common Shares					\$ 26.53		
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	100	A	\$ 26.53	4,400	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	100	A	\$ 26.57	4,500	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	100	A	\$ 26.58	4,600	D
Common Shares	05/24/2006	P	200	A	\$ 26.58	4,800	D

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Tit.	le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	int of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	rlying	Security	Secu
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities	3		(Instr.	. 3 and 4)		Own
	Security				Acquired						Follo
					(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
									or		
						Date	Expiration	Title	Number		
						Exercisable	Date	1.110	of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		
					(11) (2)				511410		

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

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