

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CHARMAN JOHN

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
07/12/2012

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

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED, 92 PITTS BAY ROAD

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Shares	07/12/2012		M	200,000 A \$ 14.5	2,449,063	D	
Common Shares	07/12/2012		F	87,932 D \$ 32.98	2,361,131	D	
Common Shares					789,526 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By N.I.M.I.C. International Ltd.
Common Shares					2,585,580 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By Dragon Holdings

Trust

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.5	07/12/2012		M	200,000	<sup>(3)</sup> 09/25/2012	Common Shares	200,000	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHARMAN JOHN AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED 92 PITTS BAY ROAD PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08	X			

## Signatures

Richard T. Gieryn, Jr.,  
Attorney-in-Fact

07/13/2012

\*\*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) Mr. Charman disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by N.I.M.I.C. International Ltd.

(2) Mr. Charman disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the Dragon Holdings Trust.

(3) The Employee Stock Option vested in three equal installments commencing December 12, 2003.

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