DiSipio Christopher N. Form 4 February 06, 2013

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

DiSipio Christopher N.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD

[AXS]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O AXIS. 1 UNIVERSITY **SQUARE DRIVE, SUITE 200**

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

02/04/2013

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

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

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

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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 Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

5. Number of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactiorDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of 8. 1 Underlying Securities

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below)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

below)

CEO, AXIS Accident & Health

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

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Issuer

(State) (City) 1. Title of Security

PRINCETON, NJ 08540

(Instr. 3)

Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

5. Amount of

Securities

Beneficially

(Instr. 4)

(I)

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Indirect

7. Nature of

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		(
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	02/04/2013		A	25,000	(2)	(2)	Common Shares	25,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DiSipio Christopher N. C/O AXIS 1 UNIVERSITY SQUARE DRIVE, SUITE 200 PRINCETON, NJ 08540

CEO, AXIS Accident & Health (In

Signatures

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

02/06/2013

**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) Each restricted stock unit represents the contingent right to receive one common share or the cash equivalent thereof.
- (2) The restricted stock units will vest in four equal annual installments beginning February 4, 2014.

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