#### AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD

Form 4

August 10, 2006

## FORM 4

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CHARMAN JOHN			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD [AXS]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last)  C/O AXIS CALIMITED, 10			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/08/2006	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) CEO & President		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(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		
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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (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)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Shares	08/08/2006		S	600	D	\$ 30.5	597,104 (1)	I	By JR Charman Children's Settlement
Common Shares	08/08/2006		S	600	D	\$ 30.5	596,504	I	By JR Charman Children's Settlement
Common Shares	08/08/2006		S	300	D	\$ 30.55	596,204	I	By JR Charman

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

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								Settlement
Common Shares	08/08/2006	S	100	D	\$ 30.5	596,104	I	By JR Charman Children's Settlement
Common Shares	08/08/2006	S	200	D	\$ 30.5	595,904	I	By JR Charman Children's Settlement
Common Shares	08/08/2006	S	500	D	\$ 30.5	595,404	I	By JR Charman Children's Settlement
Common Shares	08/08/2006	S	100	D	\$ 30.5	595,304	I	By JR Charman Childen's Settlement
Common Shares	08/08/2006	S	400	D	\$ 30.5	594,904	I	By JR Charman Children's Settlement
Common Shares	08/08/2006	S	4,000	D	\$ 30.5	590,904	I	By JR Charman Children's Settlement
Common Shares	08/08/2006	S	300	D	\$ 30.5	590,604	I	By JR Charman Children's Settlement
Common Shares	08/08/2006	S	100	D	\$ 30.5	590,504	I	By JR Charman Children's Settlement
Common Shares	08/08/2006	S	300	D	\$ 30.5	590,204	I	By JR Charman Children's Settlement
Common Shares	08/08/2006	S	300	D	\$ 30.5	589,904	I	By JR Charman Children's Settlement
Common Shares	08/08/2006	S	200	D	\$ 30.5	589,704	I	By JR Charman Children's Settlement

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Common Shares	08/08/2006	S	100	D	\$ 30.5	589,604	I	By JR Charman Children's Settlement
Common Shares	08/08/2006	S	200	D	\$ 30.5	589,404	I	By JR Charman Children's Settlement
Common Shares	08/08/2006	S	100	D	\$ 30.5	589,304	I	By JR Charman Children's Settlement
Common Shares	08/08/2006	S	900	A	\$ 30.5	588,404	I	By JR Charman Children's Settlement
Common Shares	08/08/2006	S	400	D	\$ 30.5	588,004	I	By JR Charman Children's Settlement
Common Shares	08/08/2006	S	100	D	\$ 30.5	587,904	I	By JR Charman Children's Settlement
Common Shares	08/08/2006	S	400	D	\$ 30.5	587,504	I	By JR Charman Children's Settlement
Common Shares						1,804,908	I	By Dragon Holdings Trust
Common Shares						722,064	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	onNumber	Expiration Date	Amount of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/Year)	Underlying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivativ	e	Securities	(Instr. 5)	Bene

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Derivative Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) Security Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount Exercisable Date or Number of

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### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CHARMAN JOHN

C/O AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED 106 PITTS BAY ROAD

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# **Signatures**

Richard T. Gieryn, Jr.,
Attorney-in-Fact
08/10/2006

# \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The JR Charman Children's Settlement owned 597,704 shares. Mr. Charman disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the trusts and exercised no control over the decision of the trust to sell the shares.

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