AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * NICHOLS JOHN DRAKE			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) 1211 AVE. O AMERICAS,		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/03/2015	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) CEO, AXIS Re			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)			

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(State)

(City)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

(City)	(State)	Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative (Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficiall	y 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. Securition(A) or Dia (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	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	02/03/2015		A	12,278	A	\$ 0	134,416	D	
Common Shares	02/03/2015		A	1,364 (1)	A	\$ 0	135,780	D	
Common Shares	02/04/2015		F	2,735	D	\$ 51.06	133,045	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)

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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Amour Underl Securit (Instr.	lying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				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

NICHOLS JOHN DRAKE 1211 AVE. OF THE AMERICAS 24TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10036

CEO, AXIS Re

Signatures

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

02/05/2015

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Represents a guaranteed minimum award of performance-based restricted stock units. The award may increase up to 27,284 restricted (1) stock units provided that certain Company performance conditions are satisfied. The award will be eligible to vest in a single installment on March 1, 2018.

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