AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD

Form 4

March 03, 2017

FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading O'SHAUGHNESSY JAMES Issuer Symbol AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD (Check all applicable) [AXS] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Other (specify _X__ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 92 PITTS BAY ROAD 03/01/2017 EVP, CAO & Corp Controller (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired ion(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or | | | 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 | (D) | Price | (IIIsti. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Shares | 03/01/2017 | | M | 1,692 | A | \$0 | 15,243 | D | |
| Common Shares | 03/01/2017 | | D | 846 | D | \$ 70.92 | 14,397 | D | |
| Common Shares | 03/01/2017 | | M | 3,383 | A | \$0 | 17,780 | D | |
| Common Shares | 03/01/2017 | | D | 1,691 | D | \$ 70.92 | 16,089 | D | |
| Common Shares | 03/01/2017 | | M | 1,218 | A | \$0 | 17,307 | D | |

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| Common Shares | 03/01/2017 | D | 609 | D | \$ 70.92 | 16,698 | D |
|------------------|------------|---|-------|---|-------------|--------|---|
| Common Shares | 03/01/2017 | M | 1,346 | A | \$ 0 | 18,044 | D |
| Common Shares | 03/01/2017 | D | 673 | D | \$ 70.92 | 17,371 | 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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | e 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code | 5. Number to for 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) | | 8. Pr Deriv Secu (Inst |
|---|---|---|---|--------|---|--|--------------------|---|--|---------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 03/01/2017 | | M | 1,692 | <u>(2)</u> | (2) | Common Shares | 1,692 | \$ |
| Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 03/01/2017 | | M | 3,383 | (3) | (3) | Common Shares | 3,383 | \$ |
| Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 03/01/2017 | | M | 1,218 | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Shares | 1,218 | \$ |
| Restricted Stock Units | <u>(1)</u> | 03/01/2017 | | M | 1,346 | <u>(5)</u> | <u>(5)</u> | Common Shares | 1,346 | \$ |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Reporting Owners 2

O'SHAUGHNESSY JAMES 92 PITTS BAY ROAD PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08

EVP, CAO & Corp Controller

Signatures

G. Christina Gray-Trefry, Attorney-in-Fact

03/03/2017

**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) Upon vesting, each restricted stock unit will be equal in value to one common share (50% of the restricted stock units will be settled in common shares and 50% will be settled in cash).
- (2) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning March 1, 2015.
- (3) The restricted stock units vest in a single installment on March 1, 2017.
- (4) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning March 1, 2016.
- (5) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning March 1, 2017.

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