

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Turner F Marshall II		(Month/Day/Year)	AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD [AXS]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	08/22/2005	
C/O AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED,Â 106 PITTS BAY ROAD			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
PEMBROKE,Â D0Â HM 08		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below) US Insurance CEO & President		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Shares	100,000	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option	11/14/2003 <sup>(1)</sup>	11/14/2012	Common Shares	40,000	\$ 13.45	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	01/02/2005 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/02/2014	Common Shares	15,000	\$ 26.92	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	01/13/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/13/2015	Common Shares	20,000	\$ 28.02	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				Other
	Director	10% Owner	Officer		
Turner F Marshall II C/O AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED 106 PITTS BAY ROAD PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08	Â	Â	Â US Insurance CEO & President	Â	

## Signatures

Carol S. Rivers,  
Attorney-in-Fact

08/22/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 Employee Stock Option vests in three equal installments on the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.

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