KELLY EDWARD J III

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SECURITIES

See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * KELLY EDWARD J III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD

(Check all applicable)

[AXS]

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2004

(Middle)

(Zip)

C/O AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED, 106 PITTS BAY ROAD

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08

(City)

(City)	(State) (2	Table	e I - Non-De	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed (of, or Beneficial	lly 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. Securities on Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
		(Month Day, Teal)	Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Shares	12/31/2004		A	429	A	(<u>1</u>)	7,193	D	
Common Shares	01/03/2005		A	728	A	<u>(2)</u>	7,921	D	
Common Shares	01/03/2005		A	2,150	A	<u>(3)</u>	10,071	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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
Stools				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option for Common	\$ 27.45	01/03/2005		A	8,000	01/03/2006(4)	01/03/2015	Common Shares	8,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KELLY EDWARD J III C/O AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED 106 PITTS BAY ROAD PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08



Signatures

Shares

John R. Charman, Attorney-in-Fact 01/04/2005

**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) Common shares issued as directors' fees using the closing sale price on December 31, 2004 of \$27.35 per share.
- (2) Restricted shares issued as directors' fees using the closing sale price on January 3, 2005 of \$27.45 per share.
- (3) Common shares issued as directors' fees using the closing sale price on January 3, 2005 of \$27.45 per share.
- (4) Option vests in three equal installments on the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (5) Option issued as directors' fees.

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