

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD

Form 4

May 13, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
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 *
SCHOEN SCOTT A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O THOMAS H. LEE PARTNERS,
L.P., 100 FEDERAL STREET,
35TH FLOOR

(Street)

BOSTON, MA 02110

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD
[AXS]5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

05/13/2005

☒ Director☐ Officer (give title
below)☒ 10% Owner☐ Other (specify
below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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 Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/13/2005		S	11,379,768 (1) D	\$ 26.05	0	I
							See Note (1)

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

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(9-02)**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Code	V	(A)	(D)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SCHOEN SCOTT A C/O THOMAS H. LEE PARTNERS, L.P. 100 FEDERAL STREET, 35TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02110	X	X		

Signatures

/s/Scott A.
Schoen

05/13/2005

**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).

On May 13, 2005, Thomas H. Lee (Alternative) Fund V, L.P. ("Fund V") sold 8,923,805 shares of the Issuer held directly by Fund V, Thomas H. Lee (Alternative) Parallel Fund V, L.P. ("Parallel Fund") sold 2,315,368 shares of the Issuer held directly by Parallel Fund, (1) Thomas H. Lee (Alternative) Cayman Fund V, L.P. ("Cayman Fund") sold 122,966 shares of the Issuer held directly by Cayman Fund, and Thomas H. Lee Investors Limited Partnership ("Investors") sold 17,629 shares of the Issuer held directly by Investors, for an aggregate of 11,379,768 shares of the Issuer's common stock.

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