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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 8-K

Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 10, 2006 (October 3, 2006)

## AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda 001-31721
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission of incorporation) File Number)

98-0395986 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

92 Pitts Bay Road Pembroke, Bermuda (Address of principal executive offices)

HM 08 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: 441-296-2600

#### Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

# Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On October 1, 2006, the Board of Directors of the Company, upon the recommendation of its Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and pursuant to its Bye-laws, appointed Mr. Christopher Greetham as a new director to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors caused by resignations previously reported by the Company. Mr. Greetham will serve as a Class III director, effective October 1, 2006 and will serve on the Board until the Annual General Meeting in 2007. Mr. Greetham will serve on the Finance Committee.

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### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: October 10, 2006

## AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

By: /s/ RICHARD T. GIERYN, JR. Richard T. Gieryn, Jr.

General Counsel

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