

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD  
Form 8-K  
March 16, 2010

**UNITED STATES**  
**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): March 15, 2010**

**AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED**

**(Exact Name Of Registrant As Specified In Charter)**

**Bermuda**  
**(State of Incorporation)**

**001-31721**  
**(Commission File No.)**

**98-0395986**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**

**Identification No.)**

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**92 Pitts Bay Road**

**Pembroke, Bermuda HM 08**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**(441) 405-2600**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not applicable**

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2 below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e(4)(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On March 15, 2010, AXIS Capital Holdings Limited, a Bermuda company, issued the press release attached hereto regarding initial estimates of net losses related to the recent earthquake in Chile and European Windstorm Xynthia.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated March 15, 2010

EXHIBIT INDEX

| <b>Exhibit<br/>Number</b> | <b>Description of Document</b>     |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 99.1                      | Press release dated March 15, 2010 |

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: March 15, 2010

**AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED**

By: /s/ Richard T. Gieryn, Jr.  
Richard T. Gieryn, Jr.  
General Counsel