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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Phillips David S.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD

(Check all applicable)

EVP & Chief Investment Officer

[AXS]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year) 12/05/2018

X_ Officer (give title below)

Other (specify

10% Owner

1211 AVE. OF THE AMERICAS, 24TH FLOOR

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Director

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(City)

(Instr. 3)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership Securities Form: Direct Beneficially Owned (I) Following (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

or

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)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 1. Title of Derivative Conversion

6. Date Exercisable and 5. Number (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date

7. Title and Amount of 8. Pr Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)			(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		Secu (Inst
				Code V	(A) ((D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	12/05/2018		A	4,684 (2)		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	4,684	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Phillips David S. 1211 AVE. OF THE AMERICAS 24TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10036

EVP & Chief Investment Officer

Signatures

G. Christina Gray-Trefry, Attorney-in-Fact

12/07/2018

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) Upon vesting, each restricted stock unit will be equal in value to one common share (50% of the restricted stock units will be settled in common shares and 50% will be settled in cash).
- On December 5, 2018, the Company's Compensation Committee determined satisfaction of performance criteria for performance-based restricted stock units granted on February 2, 2016. This amount represents additional performance-based restricted stock units that have been earned pursuant to the award in addition to the guaranteed minimum payout of 669 restricted stock units which were previously reported on May 10, 2018. The restricted stock units will vest in a single installment on March 1, 2019.

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