AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD Form 8-K April 19, 2011

# 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): April 18, 2011

# 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.)** 

#### 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)
- " Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " 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 April 18, 2011, AXIS Capital Holdings Limited, a Bermuda company, issued the press release attached hereto regarding estimates of the net financial impact of the recent Japan earthquake and tsunami.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated April 18, 2011

## EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

Number Description of Document

99.1 Press release dated April 18, 2011

#### **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: April 18, 2011

## AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

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