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**KEVIN M. McCARTY**  
COMMISSIONER

IN THE MATTER OF:

CASE NO.: 184097-CO-15

AXIS SPECIALTY LIMITED  
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CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE came on for consideration as a result of an agreement between AXIS SPECIALTY LIMITED (hereinafter referred to as "AXIS") and the OFFICE OF INSURANCE REGULATION (hereinafter referred to as the "OFFICE") in response to changes to the security requirements applicable to AXIS's financial strength ratings. Following a complete review of the record, and upon consideration thereof, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, the OFFICE hereby finds as follows:

1. The OFFICE has jurisdiction over the subject matter and of the parties herein.
2. AXIS is a stock insurer organized under the laws of Bermuda whose shares are owned and controlled one hundred percent (100%) by AXIS Capital Holdings Limited, a Bermuda holding company.
3. AXIS is also a Certified Reinsurer in the state of Florida pursuant to Section 624.610(3)(e), Florida Statutes, Rule 69O-144.007, Florida Administrative Code, and the Consent Order that was executed by AXIS and the OFFICE on May 23, 2011, case number 117743-11-CO ("Consent Order 117743-11-CO," attached as Exhibit A).

4. The Consent Order was amended twice: both times by Orders of the OFFICE, dated December 31, 2013 and December 29, 2014, to extend AXIS's status as a Certified Reinsurer<sup>1</sup>, by Order of the OFFICE dated December 29, 2014. (attached as Exhibits B and C). Consent Order 117743-11-CO was set to expire on December 31, 2015, at 11:59 PM unless extended by written approval of the OFFICE.

5. To consolidate the prior Orders and Consent Order 117743-11-CO and address a change to the security requirements in Rule 69O-144.007, Florida Administrative Code, AXIS and the OFFICE hereby execute this Consent Order and agree that it shall supersede Consent Order 117743-11-CO and govern AXIS's status as a Certified Reinsurer in the state of Florida.

6. AXIS has represented and the OFFICE finds that AXIS is still in compliance with all of the requirements of the Florida Insurance Code and Florida Administrative Code to being a Certified Reinsurer in the state of Florida.

7. AXIS represents that its purpose for being a Certified Reinsurer under Section 624.610(3)(e), Florida Statutes, and Rule 69O-144.007, Florida Administrative Code, is to allow ceding insurers to take credit in their accounting and in financial statements on account of such reinsurance ceded without AXIS posting full collateral.

8. The minimum collateral a Certified Reinsurer is required to post for the ceding insurer to take one hundred percent (100%) credit in its financial statements on account of such reinsurance ceded is based on the secure rating the Certified Reinsurer is assigned by the Office.

Pursuant to Rule 69O-144.007(8)(e)1., Florida Administrative Code:

The maximum rating that a certified reinsurer may be assigned will correspond to its financial strength rating as outlined in subsection (4) of this rule. The Office

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<sup>1</sup> AXIS was previously referred to as an "Eligible Reinsurer" in the Florida. However, Rule 69O-144.007, Florida Administrative Code, was amended effective July 28, 2015, to substitute the term "certified reinsurer" for "eligible reinsurer." Therefore AXIS is now classified as a Certified Reinsurer in Florida.

shall use the lowest financial strength rating received from a rating agency indicated in paragraph 3(a)-(e) of this rule in establishing the maximum rating of a certified reinsurer.

9. AXIS represents that it has current financial strength ratings of “A+” from A.M. Best, “A+” from Standard & Poor’s, “A2” from Moody’s, and “A+” from Fitch.

10. Effective July 28, 2015, Rule 69O-144.007(4), Florida Administrative Code, was amended so that, among other things, a rating of “A+” from Standard & Poor’s, “A2” from Moody’s, and “A+” from Fitch now all correspond to a Secure – 3 rating and a collateral requirement of twenty percent (20%).

11. Based on AXIS’s secure financial strength ratings, for purposes of Rule 69O-144.007(4), Florida Administrative Code, AXIS acknowledges that the collateral required for the ceding insurer to take one hundred percent (100%) credit in its financial statements on account of such reinsurance ceded be no less than twenty percent (20%), unless otherwise amended by the OFFICE. Said collateral requirement shall only apply to property catastrophe reinsurance being provided by the AXIS to ceding insurers in Florida and shall take effect only for agreements incepting on or after July 28, 2015, up until such time as the collateral requirement may be further amended by the OFFICE. For agreements incepting after May 23, 2011, and before July 28, 2015, twenty percent (20%) is still the minimum collateral AXIS is required to post for a ceding company to take one hundred percent (100%) credit in its financial statements on account of such reinsurance ceded to AXIS. The OFFICE and AXIS acknowledge that AXIS’s collateral requirement is unchanged by the modified security requirements in Rule 69O-144.007, Florida Administrative Code, as amended and effective July 28, 2015.

12. AXIS represents that it has established collateral security in the form of letters of credit for purposes of securing its U.S. liabilities to U.S. cedant insurers and that such letters of

credit comply with Section 624.610(4)(c), Florida Statutes, and Rule 69O-144.005(6), Florida Administrative Code. AXIS agrees that any other form of security it utilizes in lieu of letters of credit shall comply with Section 624.610, Florida Statutes, and Rule 69O-144.007, Florida Administrative Code.

13. Pursuant to Rule 69O-144.007(8)(d)(2), Florida Administrative Code, AXIS shall assume only the kind or kinds of reinsurance ceded by ceding insurers for which AXIS is authorized in its domiciliary jurisdiction. Further, AXIS acknowledges that its Certified Reinsurer status shall only apply to property catastrophe reinsurance.

14. AXIS acknowledges that in order to maintain its status as a Certified Reinsurer, it is required to file annually with the OFFICE all documentation required by Rule 69O-144.007(8)(h), Florida Administrative Code.

15. AXIS submits to the jurisdiction of the United States' courts and has appointed an agent for service of process in Florida (attached as Exhibit D). Furthermore, AXIS agrees to post one hundred percent (100%) collateral for its Florida liabilities if it resists the enforcement of a valid and final judgment from a court in the United States or if otherwise required by the OFFICE pursuant to Rule 69O-144.007, Florida Administrative Code.

16. AXIS affirms that all representations made herein and in connection with this Consent Order are true and material to the issuance of this Consent Order. AXIS further acknowledges that all requirements set forth herein are material to the issuance of this Consent Order.

17. AXIS agrees that it will adhere to the continuing requirements for a Certified Reinsurer as described in Rule 69O-144.007, Florida Administrative Code.

18. AXIS shall report to the OFFICE, Bureau of Property & Casualty Financial Oversight, any time that it is named as a party defendant in a class action lawsuit within fifteen (15) days after the class is certified, and AXIS shall include a copy of the complaint at the time it reports the class action lawsuit to the OFFICE.

19. This Consent Order shall remain in effect and AXIS's status as a Certified Reinsurer shall continue until AXIS either surrenders its status, fails to meet the requirements of the Florida Insurance Code or Rule 69O-144.007, Florida Administrative Code, or has its status withdrawn pursuant to Rule 69O-144.007, Florida Administrative Code, or this Consent Order.

20. AXIS agrees that, upon execution of this Consent Order by the OFFICE, failure to adhere to one or more of the terms and conditions contained herein may result, without further proceedings, in the withdrawal of AXIS's status as a Certified Reinsurer in this state in accordance with Sections 120.569(2)(n) and 120.60(6), Florida Statutes.

21. The deadlines set forth in this Consent Order may be extended by written approval of the OFFICE. Approval of any deadline extension is subject to statutory or administrative regulation limitations.

22. Each party to this action shall bear its own costs and attorneys' fees.

23. Executive Order 13224, signed by President George W. Bush on September 23, 2001, blocks the assets of terrorists and terrorist support organizations identified by the United States Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control. The Executive Order also prohibits any transactions by U.S. persons involved in the blocked assets and interests. The list of identified terrorists and terrorist support organizations is periodically updated at the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control website, <http://www.treas.gov/ofac>. AXIS shall maintain and adhere to procedures necessary to detect and prevent prohibited transactions with

individuals and entities that have been identified at the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control website.

24. AXIS expressly waives a hearing in this matter, the making of Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law by the OFFICE, and all further and other proceedings to which it may be entitled by law or rules of the OFFICE. AXIS hereby knowingly and voluntarily waives all rights to challenge or to contest this Consent Order in any forum now or in the future available to it, including the rights to any administrative proceeding, circuit or federal court action, or any appeal.

25. AXIS and the OFFICE agree that this Consent Order shall be deemed to be executed when the OFFICE has signed a copy of this Consent Order bearing the signature of AXIS or its authorized representative notwithstanding the fact that the copy was transmitted to the OFFICE electronically. Further, AXIS agrees that its signature as affixed to this Consent Order shall be under the seal of a Notary Public.

WHEREFORE, the agreement between AXIS SPECIALTY LIMITED and the OFFICE OF INSURANCE REGULATION, the terms and conditions of which are set forth above, is APPROVED.

FURTHER, all terms and conditions above are hereby ORDERED.

DONE and ORDERED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Kevin M. McCarty", is written over a horizontal line.

Kevin M. McCarty, Commissioner  
Office of Insurance Regulation

By execution hereof, AXIS SPECIALTY LIMITED consents to entry of this Consent Order, agrees without reservation to all of the above terms and conditions, and shall be bound by all provisions herein. The undersigned represents that he or she has the authority to bind AXIS SPECIALTY LIMITED to the terms and conditions of this Consent Order.

AXIS SPECIALTY LIMITED

By: *Jose Osset*

Print Name: JOSE OSSET

Title: SVP, TREASURER

Date: 4 JANUARY 2016



STATE OF Pembroke,  
COUNTY OF BERMUDA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY 2016,

by Jose Osset as SVP, Treasurer  
(name of person) (type of authority; e.g., officer, trustee, attorney in fact)

for AXIS Specialty Limited  
(company name)

*Auson Jane Purvey Adams*  
(Signature of the Notary)

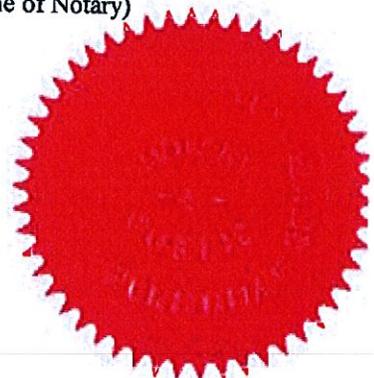


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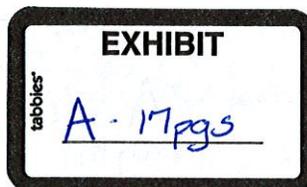
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AXIS SPECIALTY LIMITED

**CONSENT ORDER**

THIS CAUSE came on for consideration upon the filing of an application with the OFFICE OF INSURANCE REGULATION (hereinafter referred to as the "OFFICE") by AXIS SPECIALTY LIMITED (hereinafter referred to as "APPLICANT") to become an Eligible Reinsurer (hereinafter referred to as "Application"), pursuant to Section 624.610(3)(e), Florida Statutes, and Rule 690-144.007, Florida Administrative Code (which is hereby incorporated by reference and attached as Exhibit A). Following a complete review of the entire record, and upon consideration thereof, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, the OFFICE hereby finds, as follows:

1. The OFFICE has jurisdiction over the subject matter and of the parties herein.
2. APPLICANT has applied for and, subject to the present and continuing satisfaction of the requirements, terms, and conditions established herein, met all of the conditions precedent to becoming an Eligible Reinsurer in Florida, pursuant to the requirements set forth by the Florida Insurance Code.



3. APPLICANT is a stock insurer organized under the laws of Bermuda, and whose shares are owned and controlled one hundred percent (100%) by AXIS Capital Holdings Limited, a Bermuda holding company.

4. APPLICANT has represented that the purpose of its Application to become an Eligible Reinsurer under Section 624.610(3)(e), Florida Statutes, and Rule 69O-144.007, Florida Administrative Code, is to allow ceding insurers (defined in the Rule as domestic insurers) to take credit in their accounting and financial statements on account of such reinsurance ceded without full collateral.

5. In determining APPLICANT's qualifications as an Eligible Reinsurer pursuant to Section 624.610(3)(e), Florida Statutes, and Rule 69O-144.007, Florida Administrative Code, the OFFICE has considered the following information submitted by APPLICANT or obtained by the OFFICE:

a. APPLICANT's statutory capital and surplus of four billion two hundred six million and three hundred fifty-nine thousand U.S. Dollars (\$4,206,359,000) as reported in its statutory financial statement as of December 31, 2010, which exceeds the one hundred million U.S. Dollars (\$100,000,000) surplus required under Section 624.610(3)(e), Florida Statutes, and Rule 69O-144.007, Section (3) and Subparagraph (8)(c)1., Florida Administrative Code;

b. APPLICANT's secure financial strength rating from at least two (2) nationally recognized statistical rating organizations;

c. The domiciliary regulatory jurisdiction of the APPLICANT;

d. APPLICANT's domiciliary regulator structure and authority with regard to solvency regulation requirements and financial surveillance;

e. The substance of financial and operating standards required by APPLICANT's domiciliary regulator;

f. The form and substance of financial reports or other public financial statements required to be filed by the reinsurers in APPLICANT's domiciliary jurisdiction in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

g. APPLICANT's domiciliary regulator's willingness to cooperate with United States regulators in general and the OFFICE in particular;

h. The history and performance of reinsurers in APPLICANT's domiciliary jurisdiction; and

i. Other pertinent information submitted by APPLICANT pursuant to Section 624.610(3)(e), Florida Statutes, and Rule 690-144.007, Florida Administrative Code.

6. APPLICANT shall adhere to the continuing requirements for an Eligible Reinsurer as described in Rule 690-144.007, Florida Administrative Code.

7. For purposes of Rule 690-144.007(4), Florida Administrative Code, APPLICANT acknowledges the collateral required for the ceding insurer to take one hundred percent (100%) credit in its financial statements on account of such reinsurance ceded be no less than twenty percent (20%), unless otherwise amended by the OFFICE. Said collateral requirement shall only apply to property catastrophe reinsurance being provided by the APPLICANT to ceding insurers in Florida and shall take effect for agreements incepting on or after the date of execution of this Consent Order up until such time as the collateral requirement may be amended by the OFFICE.

8. APPLICANT represents in its Application that it will establish collateral security in the form of Letters of Credit for purposes of securing its U.S. liabilities to U.S. cedant

insurers. Such Letters of Credit shall comply with Section 624.610(4)(c), Florida Statutes, and Rule 690-144.005(6), Florida Administrative Code. Further, any other form of security utilized by APPLICANT in lieu of Letters of Credit shall comply with Section 624.610, Florida Statutes, and Rule 690-144.007, Florida Administrative Code.

9. Pursuant to Rule 690-144.007(8)(c)(2), Florida Administrative Code, APPLICANT shall assume only the kind or kinds of reinsurance ceded by ceding insurers for which APPLICANT is authorized in its domiciliary jurisdiction. Further, APPLICANT acknowledges that the eligible reinsurer status shall only apply to property catastrophe reinsurance.

10. APPLICANT acknowledges that in order to maintain its eligible reinsurer status it is required to file annually with the OFFICE all documentation required by Rule 690-144.007(8)(e), Florida Administrative Code, on or before the anniversary date of the execution of this Consent Order.

11. APPLICANT submits to the jurisdiction of the United States courts and has appointed an agent for service of process in Florida (attached as Exhibit B). Furthermore, APPLICANT agrees to post one hundred percent (100%) collateral for its Florida liabilities if it resists the enforcement of a valid and final judgment from a court in the United States or if otherwise required by the OFFICE pursuant to Rule 690-144.007, Florida Administrative Code.

12. This Consent Order shall expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 at 11:59 PM.

13. APPLICANT shall report to the OFFICE, Bureau of Property & Casualty Financial Oversight, any time that it is named as a party defendant in a class action lawsuit, within fifteen (15) days after the class is certified, and APPLICANT shall include a copy of the complaint at the time it reports the class action lawsuit to the OFFICE.

14. APPLICANT shall pay within thirty (30) days of execution of this Consent Order, two thousand five hundred U.S. Dollars (\$2,500) for legal costs associated with this Consent Order.

15. The deadlines set forth in this Consent Order may be extended by written approval of the OFFICE. Approval of any deadline extension is subject to statutory or administrative regulation limitations.

16. APPLICANT affirms that all representations are true and all requirements set forth herein are material to the issuance of this Consent Order.

17. APPLICANT shall report to the OFFICE within sixty (60) days from the date of the execution of this Consent Order a certification evidencing compliance with all of the requirements of this Consent Order. Any exceptions shall be so noted and contained in the certification. Exceptions noted in the certification shall also include a timeline defining when the outstanding requirements of the Consent Order will be complete. Said certification shall be submitted to the OFFICE via electronic mail and directed to the attention of the Assistant General Counsel representing the OFFICE in this matter and as named in this Consent Order.

18. APPLICANT agrees that, upon execution of this Consent Order by the OFFICE, failure to adhere to one or more of the terms and conditions contained herein may result, without further proceedings, in the withdrawal of APPLICANT's status as an Eligible Reinsurer in this state, in accordance with Sections 120.569(2)(n) and 120.60(6), Florida Statutes.

19. Executive Order 13224, signed by President George W. Bush on September 23, 2001, blocks the assets of terrorists and terrorist support organizations identified by the United States Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control. The Executive Order also prohibits any transactions by U.S. persons involved in the blocked assets and interests. The list

of identified terrorists and terrorist support organizations is periodically updated at the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control website, [www.treas.gov/ofac](http://www.treas.gov/ofac). APPLICANT shall maintain and adhere to procedures necessary to detect and prevent prohibited transactions with individuals and entities which have been identified at the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control website.

20. APPLICANT expressly waives a hearing in this matter, the making of Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law by the OFFICE and all further and other proceedings herein to which the parties may be entitled by law or rules of the OFFICE. APPLICANT hereby knowingly and voluntarily waives all rights to challenge or to contest this Consent Order in any forum now or in the future available to it, including the right to any administrative proceeding, circuit or federal court action, or any appeal.

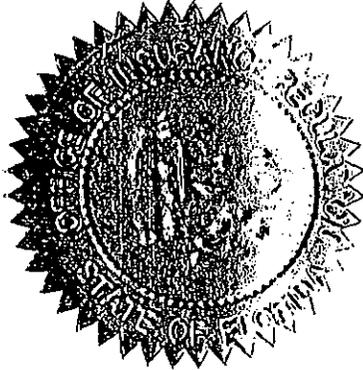
21. Except as noted in this Consent Order, each party to this action shall bear its own costs and fees.

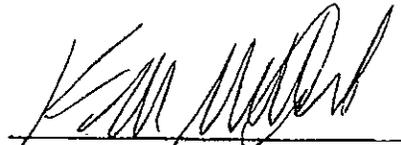
22. The parties agree that this Consent Order shall be deemed to be executed when the OFFICE has executed a copy of this Consent Order bearing the signature of APPLICANT or its authorized representative, notwithstanding the fact that the copy may have been transmitted to the OFFICE electronically. Further, APPLICANT agrees that its signature as affixed to this Consent Order shall be under the seal of a Notary Public.

WHEREFORE, the agreement between AXIS SPECIALTY LIMITED and the OFFICE OF INSURANCE REGULATION, the terms and conditions of which are set forth above, is APPROVED.

FURTHER, all terms and conditions contained herein are hereby ORDERED.

DONE and ORDERED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2011.



  
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Kevin M. McCarty, Commissioner  
Office of Insurance Regulation

By execution hereof, AXIS SPECIALTY LIMITED, consents to entry of this Consent Order, agrees without reservation to all of the above terms and conditions and shall be bound by all provisions herein. The undersigned represents that he/she has the authority to bind AXIS SPECIALTY LIMITED to the terms and conditions of this Consent Order.

AXIS SPECIALTY LIMITED  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name: Michael A. Butt  
Title: Chairman  
Date: May 19, 2011

[Corporate Seal]

CITY OF HAMILTON

COUNTRY OF BERMUDA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2011

by Michael A. Butt as officer  
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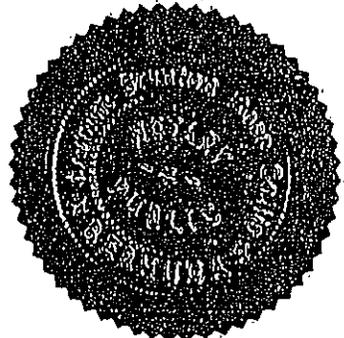
for AXIS Specialty Limited  
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**690-144.007 Credit for Reinsurance from Eligible Reinsurers.**

(1) Purpose. Paragraph (3)(e) of Section 624.610, F.S., gives the Commissioner the option to allow credit for reinsurance without full collateral for transactions involving assuming insurers not meeting the requirements of Sections 624.610(3)(a)-(d), F.S. These rules implement that paragraph. This rule does not apply to reinsurers that meet the requirements of Sections 624.610(3)(a)-(d), F.S. This rule is not an attempt to assert extra-territorial jurisdiction. Insurers that write in states other than Florida will need to comply with the laws of those states. This rule applies only to property and casualty insurance; it does not apply to life and health.

(2) Definitions. As used in this rule the following terms have the following meanings:

(a) "Ceding insurer" means a domestic insurer, as defined by paragraph (1) of Section 624.06, F.S.

(b) "Eligible reinsurer" means an assuming insurer which does not meet the requirements of paragraphs (3)(a), (3)(b) or (3)(c) of Section 624.610, F.S., and which has been determined by the commissioner by order to have met the requirements set forth in subsections (7) and (8) of this rule.

(c) "Eligible jurisdiction" means a jurisdiction which has met the requirements set forth in subsection (8) of this rule.

(3) With respect to reinsurance contracts entered into or renewed on or after the effective date of this rule, a ceding insurer may elect to take credit, as an asset or deduction from reserves, for reinsurance ceded to an eligible reinsurer, provided that the eligible reinsurer holds surplus in excess of \$100 million and maintains, on a stand-alone basis separate from its parent or any affiliated entities, a secure financial strength rating from at least two of the rating agencies indicated in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this subsection. The credit is subject to the limitations set forth in this rule. The rating agencies are:

- (a) Standard and Poor's;
- (b) Moody's Investors Service;
- (c) Fitch Ratings;
- (d) A.M. Best Company; or

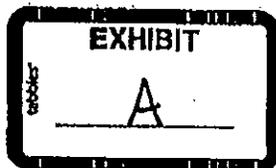
(4) The collateral required to allow 100% credit shall be no less than the percentage specified for the lowest rating as indicated below:

Collateral Required	Best	S&P	Moody's	Fitch
0%	A++	AAA	Aaa	AAA
10%	A+	AA+, AA, AA-	Aa1, Aa2, Aa3	AA+, AA, AA-
20%	A, A-	A+, A, A-	A1, A2, A3	A+, A, A-
75%	B++, B+	BBB+, BBB, BBB-	Baa1, Baa2, Baa3	BBB+, BBB, BBB-
100%	B, B-, C++, C+, C, C-, D, E, F	BB+, BB, BB-, B+, B, B-, , CCC, CC, C, D, R, NR	Ba1, Ba2, Ba3, B1, B2, B3, Caa, Ca, C	BB+, BB, BB-, B+, B, B-, CCC+, CCC, CC C-, DD

For reinsurance ceded by Florida domestic property insurers for short-tailed lines as defined below, any collateral required to be posted may be subject to a one-year deferral from the date of the first instance of a liability reserve entry as a result of a catastrophic loss from a named Hurricane. For these purposes, a short-tailed line of business is defined as any one of the following lines of business as reported on the NAIC annual financial statement:

- Line 1 Fire
- Line 2 Allied Lines
- Line 3 Farmowners multiple peril
- Line 4 Homeowners multiple peril
- Line 5 Commercial multiple peril
- Line 9 Inland marine
- Line 12 Earthquake
- Line 21 Auto physical damage

(5) Nothing in this rule shall be construed to deny the ceding insurer the ability to take credit for reinsurance for the remainder of its liabilities with an eligible reinsurer so long as those amounts are secured with acceptable collateral pursuant to Section 624.610(4), F.S.



(6) In addition to the trust fund required under paragraph (3)(c) of Section 624.610, F.S., the commissioner shall permit an assuming insurer that maintains a trust fund in a qualified United States financial institution, as that term is defined in paragraph (5)(b) of Section 624.610, F.S., for the payment of the valid claims of its United States ceding insurers and their assigns and successors in interest to also maintain in a qualified United States financial institution a trust fund constituting a trustee amount at least equal to the collateral required in accordance with subsection (4) of this rule to secure the liabilities attributable to United States ceding insurers under reinsurance policies (contracts) entered into or renewed by such assuming insurer on or after the effective date of this rule or such other date as may be established in other states for ceding insurers domiciled in such states, but only when maintenance of such a trust fund serves to protect the interests of the public and the interests of insurer solvency.

(7) A ceding insurer may not take credit pursuant to this rule unless:

(a) The reinsurer has been determined, by order of the commissioner, to be an eligible reinsurer, pursuant to subsection (8) of this rule;

(b) The ceding insurer maintains satisfactory evidence that the eligible reinsurer meets the standards of solvency, including standards for capital adequacy, established by its domestic regulator;

(c) All reinsurance contracts between the ceding insurer and the eligible reinsurer must provide:

1. For an insolvency clause in conformance with Section 624.610(8), F.S.;
2. For a service of process clause in conformance with Section 624.610(3)(f)1. and 2; F.S.; and
3. For a submission to jurisdiction clause in conformance with Section 624.610(3)(f)1. and 2, F.S.

(8) Status as eligible reinsurer:

(a) Application for a determination as an eligible reinsurer under this rule shall be made by cover letter from the insurer requesting a finding of eligibility as a reinsurer pursuant to this rule. The cover letter shall be accompanied with the following:

1. Audited financial statements from inception or for the last 3 years, whichever is less, filed with its domiciliary regulator by the reinsurer or, in the case of a rated group, by the group, pursuant to or including a reconciliation to U.S. GAAP, U.S. Statutory Accounting Principles, or International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS); the requirement for 3 years reconciliation shall be waived by the office if the commissioner determines that other provided financial information will be as useful in the determination of financial health of the reinsurer;

2. Documentation that the applicant submits to the jurisdiction of the United States courts, appoints an agent for service of process in Florida, and agrees to post 100% collateral for its Florida liabilities if it resists enforcement of a valid and final judgment from a court in the United States, or if otherwise required by the Office pursuant to this rule;

3. A report that provides information to the office as to its ceded and ceding insurance; the information may be provided in the form of the NAIC Property and Casualty Annual Filing Blank Schedule F, or in any manner that provides the Office with the same information about its ceded and ceding insurance that is disclosed by the NAIC Property and Casualty Annual Filing Blank Schedule F;

4. A list of all disputed or overdue recoverables due to or claimed by ceding insurers, whether or not the claims are in litigation or arbitration;

5. A certification from the domiciliary regulator of the insurer that the company is in good standing and that the regulator will provide financial and operational information to the Office.

(b) The determination of eligibility will be made by order executed by the Commissioner.

(c) To become an eligible reinsurer, the reinsurer, at a minimum:

1. Shall hold surplus in excess of \$100 million;
2. Shall be authorized in its domiciliary jurisdiction to assume the kind or kinds of reinsurance ceded by the ceding insurer; and,
3. Shall be domiciled in an eligible jurisdiction as defined in subsection (9).

(d) If the Commissioner determines, based upon the material submitted, and any other relevant information, that it is in the best interests of market stability and the solvency of ceding insurers, the Commissioner will find, by order, that the insurer is an eligible reinsurer and will set an amount of credit allowed for the reinsurer if lower than the amount set forth in subsection (4).

(e) Every eligible reinsurer shall file the following information annually with the Office, on the anniversary of the order granting it eligibility:

1. A statement certifying that there has been no change in the provisions of its domiciliary license or any of its financial strength ratings, or a statement describing such changes and the reasons therefor;

2. A copy of all financial statements filed with their domiciliary regulator;

3. Any change in its directors and officers;  
4. An updated list of all disputed and overdue reinsurance claims regarding reinsurance assumed from U.S. domestic ceding insurers; and

5. Any other information that the Office may require to assure market stability and the solvency of ceding insurers.

(f) An eligible reinsurer must immediately advise the Office of any changes in its ratings assigned by rating agencies, or domiciliary license status.

(g) At any time, if the Commissioner determines that it is in the best interests of market stability and the solvency of ceding insurers, the Commissioner will withdraw, by order, any determination of an insurer as an eligible reinsurer or require the reinsurer to post additional collateral.

(h) If the rating of an eligible reinsurer rises above that used by the Commissioner in his or her determination of the credit allowed for the reinsurer, an affected party may petition the Commissioner for a redetermination of the credit allowed. If it is in the best interests of market stability and the solvency of ceding insurers, the Commissioner will raise the credit allowed for the reinsurer.

(9) Status as an eligible jurisdiction:

(a) The determination of a jurisdiction as an eligible jurisdiction is to be made by the Commissioner. No jurisdiction shall be determined to be an eligible jurisdiction unless:

1. The insurance regulatory body of the jurisdiction agrees that it will provide information requested by the Office regarding its eligible domestic reinsurers;

2. The Office has determined that the jurisdiction has a satisfactory structure and authority with regard to solvency regulation, acceptable financial and operating standards for reinsurers in the domiciliary jurisdiction, acceptable transparent financial reports filed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and verifiable evidence of adequate and prompt enforcement of valid U.S. judgments or arbitration awards;

3. The Office has determined that the history of performance by reinsurers in the jurisdiction is such that the insuring public will be served by a finding of eligibility;

4. For non-US jurisdictions, the jurisdiction allows U.S. reinsurers access to the market of the domiciliary jurisdiction on terms and conditions that are at least as favorable as those provided in Florida law and regulations for unaccredited non-U.S. assuming insurers; and

5. There is no other documented information that it would not serve the best interests of the insuring public and the solvency of ceding insurers to make a finding of eligibility.

(b) If the NAIC issues findings that certain jurisdictions should be considered eligible jurisdictions, the Commissioner shall, if it would serve the best interests of the insuring public and the solvency of ceding insurers, make a determination that jurisdictions on the NAIC list are eligible jurisdictions.

(c) If the Commissioner determines that it is in the best interests of market stability and the solvency of ceding insurers, the Commissioner shall withdraw, by order, the determination of a jurisdiction as an eligible jurisdiction.

(10)(a) If the rating of an eligible reinsurer is below or falls below that required in subsection (4) for the respective amount of credit, the existing credit to the ceding insurer shall be adjusted accordingly. Notwithstanding the change or withdrawal of a eligible reinsurer's rating, the Commissioner, upon a determination that the interest of ensuring market stability and the solvency of the ceding insurer requires it, shall, upon request by the ceding insurer, authorize the ceding insurer to continue to take credit for the reinsurance recoverable, or part thereof, relating to the rating change or withdrawal for some specified period of time following such change or withdrawal, unless the reinsurance recoverable is deemed uncollectible.

(b) If the ceding insurer's experience in collecting recoverables from any eligible reinsurer indicates that the credit to the ceding insurer should be lower, the ceding insurer shall notify the office of this.

(11) The ceding insurer shall give immediate notice to the Office and provide for the necessary increased reserves with respect to any reinsurance recoverables applicable, in the event:

(a) That obligations of an eligible reinsurer for which credit for reinsurance was taken under this rule are more than 90 days past due and not in dispute; or

(b) That there is any indication or evidence that any eligible reinsurer, with whom the ceding insurer has a contract, fails to substantially comply with the solvency requirements under the laws of its domiciliary jurisdiction.

(12) The Commissioner shall disallow all or a portion of the credit based on a review of the ceding insurer's reinsurance program, the financial condition of the eligible reinsurer, the eligible reinsurer's claim payment history, or any other relevant

information when such action is in the best interests of market stability and the solvency of the ceding insurer. At any time, the Commissioner may request additional information from the eligible reinsurer. The failure of an eligible reinsurer to cooperate with the Office is grounds for the Commissioner to withdraw the status of the insurer as an eligible reinsurer or for the disallowance or reduction of the credit granted under this rule.

(13)(a) Upon the entry of an order of rehabilitation, liquidation, or conservation against the ceding insurer, pursuant to Chapter 631, Part I, F.S., or the equivalent law of another jurisdiction, an eligible reinsurer, within 30 days of the order, shall fund the entire amount that the ceding insurer has taken, as an asset or deduction from reserves, for reinsurance recoverable from the eligible reinsurer. The insurer may request a variance and waiver from this provision as provided by Section 120.542, F.S.

(b) If an eligible reinsurer fails to comply on a timely basis with paragraph (a) of this subsection, the Commissioner shall withdraw the reinsurer's eligibility under this rule.

(14) The Commissioner may, by order, determine that credit shall not be allowed to any insurer for reinsured risk pursuant to this rule if it appears to the Commissioner that granting of the credit to the ceding insurer would not be in the public interest or serve the best interests of the ceding insurer's solvency.

(15) Nothing in this rule prohibits a ceding insurer and a reinsurer from entering into agreements establishing collateral requirements in excess of those set forth in this rule.

*Specific Authority 624.308, 624.610(14) FS. Law Implemented 624.307(1), 624.610 FS. History—New 10-29-08.*

Applicant Name: AXIS Specialty Limited

NAIC No. Alien ID #: AA-3194139  
FEIN: 98-0364977

**Uniform Consent to Service of Process**

Original Designation

Amended Designation

(must be submitted directly to states)

Insurer Name: AXIS SPECIALTY LIMITED

Previous Name (if applicable): N/A

Home Office Address: AXIS HOUSE, 92 PITTS BAY ROAD

City, State, Zip: PEMBROKE, BERMUDA HM08 NAIC Co Code: Alien ID #: AA-3194139

The entity named above, organized under the laws of BERMUDA for purposes of complying with the laws of the State(s) designate hereunder relating to the holding of a certificate of authority or the conduct of an insurance business within said State(s), pursuant to a resolution adopted by its board of directors or other governing body, hereby irrevocably appoints the officers of the State(s) and their successors identified in Exhibit A, or where applicable appoints the required agent so designated in Exhibit A hereunder as its attorney in such State(s) upon whom may be served any notice, process or pleading as required by law as reflected on Exhibit A in any action or proceeding against it in the State(s) so designated; and does hereby consent that any lawful action or proceeding against it may be commenced in any court of competent jurisdiction and proper venue within the State(s) so designated; and agrees that any lawful process against it which is served under this appointment shall be of the same legal force and validity as if served on the entity directly. This appointment shall be binding upon any successor to the above named entity that acquires the entity's assets or assumes its liabilities by merger, consolidation or otherwise; and shall be binding as long as there is a contract in force or liability of the entity outstanding in the State. The entity hereby waives all claims of error by reason of such service. The entity named above agrees to submit an amended designation form upon a change in any of the information provided on this power of attorney.

**Applicant Officers' Certification and Attestation**

One of the two Officers (listed below) of the Applicant must read the following very carefully and sign:

1. I acknowledge that I am authorized to execute and am executing this document on behalf of the Applicant.
2. I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the applicable jurisdictions that all of the foregoing is true and correct, executed at HAMILTON, BERMUDA.

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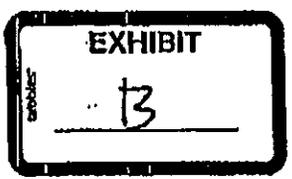
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Signature of President

JOHN ROBERT CHARMAN  
Full Legal Name of President

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Date

[Signature]  
Signature of Secretary

RICHARD THOMAS GIERYN, JR.  
Full Legal Name of Secretary



**Uniform Consent to Service of Process**

**Exhibit A**

Place an "X" before the names of all the States for which the person executing this form is appointing the designated agent in that State for receipt of service of process:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	DC	Commissioner of Insurance and Securities Regulation # or Local Agent* (circle one)	<input type="checkbox"/>	ND	Commissioner of Insurance # ^
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FL	Chief Financial Officer # ^	<input type="checkbox"/>	OH	Resident Agent*
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<input type="checkbox"/>	GU	Commissioner of Insurance #	<input type="checkbox"/>	OK	Commissioner of Insurance #
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<input type="checkbox"/>	KY	Secretary of State #	<input type="checkbox"/>	UT	Resident Agent* ^
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# For the forwarding of Service of Process received by a State Officer complete Exhibit B listing by state the entities (one per state) with full name and address where service of process is to be forwarded. Use additional pages as necessary. Exhibit not required for New Jersey, and North Carolina. Florida accepts only an individual as the entity and requires an email address. New Jersey allows but does not require a foreign insurer to designate a specific forwarding address on Exhibit B. SC will not forward to an individual by name; however, it will forward to a position, e.g., Attention: President (or Compliance Officer, etc.).

\* Attach a completed Exhibit B listing the Resident Agent for the insurer (one per state). Include state name, Resident Agent's full name and street address. Use additional pages as necessary. (DC\* requires an agent within a ten mile radius of the District).

^ Initial pleadings only. Kansas requires two signatures.

@ Form accepted only as part of a Uniform Certificate of Authority application.

MA will send the required form to the applicant when the approval process reaches that point.

**Exhibit A**

Exhibit B

Complete for each state indicated in Exhibit A:

State: FLORIDA Name of Entity: Richard T. Gieryn, Jr., General Counsel

Phone Number 678-746-9350 Fax Number (678) 746-9317

Email Address richard.gieryn@axiscapital.com

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Resolution Authorizing Appointment of Attorney

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors or other governing body of

\_\_\_\_\_  
AXIS SPECIALTY LIMITED  
(company name)

this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011, that the President or Secretary of said entity be and are hereby authorized by the Board of Directors and directed to sign and execute the Uniform Consent to Service of Process to give irrevocable consent that actions may be commenced against said entity in the proper court of any jurisdiction in the state(s) of

FLORIDA

in which the action shall arise, or in which plaintiff may reside, by service of process in the state(s) indicated above and irrevocably appoints the officer(s) of the state(s) and their successors in such offices or appoints the agent(s) so designated in the Uniform Consent to Service of Process and stipulate and agree that such service of process shall be taken and held in all courts to be as valid and binding as if due service had been made upon said entity according to the laws of said state.

CERTIFICATION

I, RICHARD T. GIERYN, JR., \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary of

AXIS SPECIALTY LIMITED \_\_\_\_\_  
(company name)

state that this is a true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted effective the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011 by the Board of Directors or governing board at a meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011 or by written consent dated \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

  
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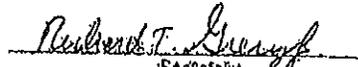
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OFFICE OF  
INSURANCE REGULATION

Delegated by: 

OFFICE OF INSURANCE REGULATION

KEVIN M. McCARTY  
COMMISSIONER

IN THE MATTER OF:

CASE NO.: 117743-11

AXIS SPECIALTY LIMITED /

ORDER

To: Axis Specialty Limited  
c/o Albert A. Benchimol  
Chief Executive Officer  
Axis Building  
99 Pitts Bay Road  
Pembroke, HM 08  
Bermuda

THIS CAUSE came on for consideration upon the expiration of Consent Order 117743-11-CO (attached as exhibit "A" and hereby incorporated by reference) and by the request of AXIS SPECIALTY LIMITED (hereinafter referred to as "AXIS"). The OFFICE OF INSURANCE REGULATION (hereinafter referred to as "OFFICE"), following a complete review of the entire record and upon consideration thereof, and otherwise being fully advised in the premises, hereby finds as follows:

1. The OFFICE has jurisdiction over the subject matter and of the parties herein.
2. AXIS' status as an Eligible Reinsurer expires pursuant to Consent Order 117743-11-CO on December 31, 2013 at 11:59 P.M.

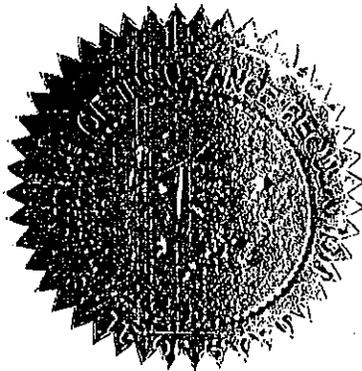


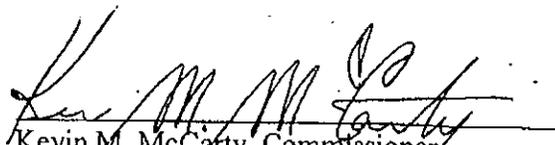
3. AXIS has petitioned the OFFICE to continue its status as an Eligible Reinsurer.

4. The OFFICE finds that AXIS is still in compliance with all of the requirements of the Florida Insurance Code, Florida Administrative Code, and Consent Order 117743-11-CO.

WHEREFORE, paragraph 12 of Consent Order 117743-11-CO is hereby modified to "This Consent Order shall expire on December 31, 2014 at 11:59 PM, unless extended by written approval of the OFFICE." All other terms and conditions contained in Consent Order No. 117743-11-CO, not otherwise modified as above, shall remain in full force and effect, and all terms and conditions contained herein are hereby ORDERED.

DONE and ORDERED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2013.



  
Kevin M. McCarty, Commissioner  
Office of Insurance Regulation

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2. Pursuant to Consent Order 117743-11-CO, AXIS's status as an Eligible Reinsurer was due to expire on December 31, 2013 at 11:59 P.M. Such expiration date was extended to December 31, 2014, at 11:59 P.M. by Order 117743-11, dated December 31, 2013.

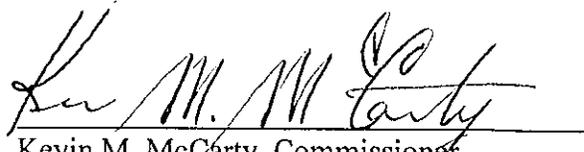
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4. Based on documentation submitted and representations made by AXIS, AXIS remains eligible to continue its status as an Eligible Reinsurer.

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DONE and ORDERED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014.



  
Kevin M. McCarty, Commissioner  
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Applicant Name: AXIS Specialty Limited

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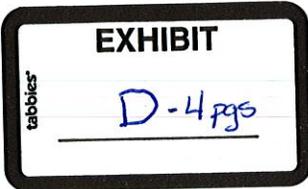
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<input type="checkbox"/>	MS	Commissioner of Insurance and Resident Agent* BOTH are required.	<input type="checkbox"/>		

# For the forwarding of Service of Process received by a State Officer complete Exhibit B listing by state the entities (one per state) with full name and address where service of process is to be forwarded. Use additional pages as necessary. Exhibit not required for New Jersey, and North Carolina. Florida accepts only an individual as the entity and requires an email address. New Jersey allows but does not require a foreign insurer to designate a specific forwarding address on Exhibit B. SC will not forward to an individual by name; however, it will forward to a position, e.g., Attention: President (or Compliance Officer, etc.).

\* Attach a completed Exhibit B listing the Resident Agent for the insurer (one per state). Include state name, Resident Agent's full name and street address. Use additional pages as necessary. (DC\* requires an agent within a ten mile radius of the District).

^ Initial pleadings only. Kansas requires two signatures.

@ Form accepted only as part of a Uniform Certificate of Authority application.

MA will send the required form to the applicant when the approval process reaches that point.

**Exhibit A**

Exhibit B

Complete for each state indicated in Exhibit A:

State: FLORIDA Name of Entity: Richard T. Gleryn, Jr., General Counsel

Phone Number 678-746-9350 Fax Number (678) 746-9317

Email Address richard.gleryn@axiscapital.com

Mailing Address 11680 Great Oaks Way, Suite 500, Alpharetta, GA 30022

Street Address 11680 Great Oaks Way, Suite 500, Alpharetta, GA 30022

State \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Entity \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Entity \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Resolution Authorizing Appointment of Attorney

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors or other governing body of

\_\_\_\_\_ AXIS SPECIALTY LIMITED \_\_\_\_\_  
(company name)

this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011, that the President or Secretary of said entity be and are hereby authorized by the Board of Directors and directed to sign and execute the Uniform Consent to Service of Process to give irrevocable consent that actions may be commenced against said entity in the proper court of any jurisdiction in the state(s) of

FLORIDA

in which the action shall arise, or in which plaintiff may reside, by service of process in the state(s) indicated above and irrevocably appoints the officer(s) of the state(s) and their successors in such offices or appoints the agent(s) so designated in the Uniform Consent to Service of Process and stipulate and agree that such service of process shall be taken and held in all courts to be as valid and binding as if due service had been made upon said entity according to the laws of said state.

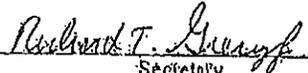
CERTIFICATION

I, RICHARD T. GIERYN, JR., \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary of

AXIS SPECIALTY LIMITED \_\_\_\_\_

(company name)

state that this is a true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted effective the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011 by the Board of Directors or governing board at a meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011 or by written consent dated \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

  
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Secretary  
RICHARD T. GIERYN, JR.