# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under	the	Securities	exchange	Act	οf	1934

(AMENDMENT NO.18)\*

CONTINENTAL AIRLS INC
(NAME OF ISSUER)
CL B
(TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES)
210795308
(CUSIP NUMBER)
December 31, 2002
Date of event which requires filing of this Statement)

NOTE: A MAJORITY OF THE SHARES REPORTED IN THIS SCHEDULE 13G ARE HELD BY UNAFFILIATED THIRD-PARTY CLIENT ACCOUNTS MANAGED BY ALLIANCE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT L.P., AS INVESTMENT ADVISER. (ALLIANCE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT L.P. IS A MAJORITY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF AXA FINANCIAL, INC.)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

X Rule 13d-1(b)
 Rule 13d-1(c)
 Rule 13d-1(d)

\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be 'filed' for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ('Act') or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
 S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

AXA Assurances I.A.R.D. Mutuelle

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP \*

(A) [X] (B) [ ]

(B)

- 3. SEC USE ONLY
- 4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION France

NUMBER OF SHARES 5. SOLE VOTING POWER 1,957,600
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED AS OF 6. SHARED VOTING POWER 5,723,400

December 31, 2002 BY EACH 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 8,292,295 REPORTING PERSON WITH: 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH 8,292,295 REPORTING PERSON (Not to be construed as an admission of beneficial ownership) 10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN

SHARES \* -1

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9 12.6%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON \*

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AXA Courtage Assurance Mutuelle

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AXA Financial, Inc. 13-3623351

(A) [ ] (B) [ ] 2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP  $^{\star}$ 

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION State of Delaware

> NUMBER OF SHARES SOLE VOTING POWER 1,957,600 BENEFICIALLY 6. SHARED VOTING POWER OWNED AS OF 5,723,400 December 31, 2002 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER BY EACH 8,292,295 REPORTING PERSON WITH: 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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## Item 1(a) Name of Issuer: CONTINENTAL AIRLS INC

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: 1600 Smith Street Houston, TX 77002

#### Item 2(a) and (b)

Name of Person Filing and Address of Principal Business Office:

AXA Conseil Vie Assurance Mutuelle, AXA Assurances I.A.R.D Mutuelle, and AXA Assurances Vie Mutuelle, 370, rue Saint Honore 75001 Paris, France

AXA Courtage Assurance Mutuelle 26, rue Louis le Grand 75002 Paris, France

as a group (collectively, the 'Mutuelles AXA').

 $\mathsf{AXA}$ 

25, avenue Matignon 75008 Paris, France

AXA Financial, Inc. 1290 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10104

(Please contact Patrick Meehan at (212) 314-5644 with any questions.)

Item 2(c) Citizenship:
 Mutuelles AXA and AXA - France
 AXA Financial, Inc. - Delaware

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:

CL B

Item 2(e) Cusip Number: 210795308

The Mutuelles AXA, as a group, acting as a parent holding company.

AXA as a parent holding company.

No	o. of Shares
The Mutuelles AXA, as a group	0
AXA	0
AXA Entity or Entities	0
AXA Financial, Inc.	0
Subsidiaries:	
Alliance Capital Management L.P. acquired solely for investment purposes on behalf of client discretionary investment advisory accounts: Common Stock	8,290,795
The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States acquired solely for investment purposes:	3,200,000
Common Stock	1,500

Total 8,292,295

Each of the Mutuelles AXA, as a group, and AXA expressly declares that the filing of this Schedule 13G shall not be construed as an admission that it is, for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act, the beneficial owner of any securities covered by this Schedule 13G.

Each of the above subsidiaries of AXA Financial, Inc. operates under independent management and makes independent decisions.

(b)	Percent	of	Class:	12.6%
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ITEM 4. Ownership as of December 31, 2002 (CONT.)

#### (c) Deemed Voting Power and Disposition Power:

	Sole Power to Vote or to Direct	(ii) Deemed to have Shared Power to Vote or to Direct the Vote	Sole Power to Dispose or to Direct the	to have Shared Power to Dispose or to Direct the
The Mutuelles AXA, as a group AXA	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
AXA Entity or Entities:	0	0	0	0
AXA Financial, Inc.	0	0	0	0
Subsidiaries:	1,957,600	5,723,400	8,290,795	0
The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United	0	0	1,500	0
- =:	1,957,600 ======		8,292,295 ======	0

Each of the above subsidiaries of AXA Financial, Inc. operates under independent management and makes independent voting and investment decisions.

- Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

  If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following.
- Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on behalf of Another Person. N/A
- Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security Being Reporting on by the Parent Holding Company:

This Schedule 13G is being filed by AXA Financial, Inc.; AXA, which owns AXA Financial, Inc.; and the Mutuelles AXA, which as a group control AXA:

- ( ) in the Mutuelles AXAs' capacity, as a group, acting as a parent holding company with respect to the holdings of the following AXA entity or entities:
- in AXA's capacity as a parent holding company with respect to the holdings of the following AXA entity or entities:
- (X) in AXA Financial, Inc.'s capacity as a parent holding company with respect to the holdings of the following subsidiaries:
- (X) Alliance Capital Management L.P. (13-3434400), an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.
- (X) The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States (13-5570651), an insurance company and an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group. N/A

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group:

N/A

#### Item 10. Certification:

By signing below I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 12, 2003 AXA FINANCIAL, INC.\*

/s/ Alvin H. Fenichel

Alvin H. Fenichel Senior Vice President and Controller

<sup>\*</sup>Pursuant to the Joint Filing Agreement with respect to Schedule 13G attached hereto as Exhibit I, among AXA Financial, Inc., AXA Conseil Vie Assurance Mutuelle, AXA Assurances I.A.R.D Mutuelle, AXA Assurances Vie Mutuelle, AXA Courtage Assurance Mutuelle, and AXA, this statement Schedule 13G is filed on behalf of each of them.

### JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

Each of the undersigned hereby agrees that the Schedule 13G filed herewith is filed jointly, pursuant to Rule 13d-1(f)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended on behalf of each of them.

Dated: February 12, 2003

AXA Financial, Inc.

BY: /s/ Alvin H. Fenichel

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Alvin H. Fenichel

Senior Vice President and Controller

AXA Assurances I.A.R.D. Mutuelle; AXA Assurances Vie Mutuelle; AXA Conseil Vie Assurance Mutuelle; AXA Courtage Assurance Mutuelle, as a group, and AXA

Signed on behalf of each of the above entities

BY: /s/ Alvin H. Fenichel

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Alvin H. Fenichel Attorney-in-Fact

(Executed pursuant to Powers of Attorney)