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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Whitt Richard R III Issuer Symbol MARKEL CORP [MKL] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title C/O MARKEL 01/29/2008 below) CORPORATION, 4521 Sr. VP and CFO HIGHWOODS PARKWAY (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta	ble I - Non	-Derivative S	ecurit	ties Acquired,	Disposed of, or	Beneficially	Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities on Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and Amount	(D)	ired (A) or Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/29/2008		J(1)	167.0432	` ′	\$ 448.9857	4,383.1126 (2)	D	
Common Stock							1,556.577	I	401(K) Plan (3)

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)

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Whitt Richard R III C/O MARKEL CORPORATION 4521 HIGHWOODS PARKWAY GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060

Sr. VP and CFO

Signatures

Linda S. Rotz, Attorney-in-fact for Richard R. Whitt, III

01/31/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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) Shares acquired pursuant to, or bonus shares granted under, Employee Stock Purchase and Bonus Plan.
 - Includes 1,946 restricted stock units granted pursuant to the Markel Corporation Omnibus Incentive Plan, of which 232 units will vest on
- (2) December 31, 2008, 145 units will vest on December 31, 2009, 365 units will vest on December 31, 2010, and 1,204 units will vest on December 31, 2011.
- Holdings under the Markel Corporation 401(K) Plan are reported in units. The information reported herein is based on a plan statement (3) dated as of December 31, 2007 and utilizes the closing stock price on that date of \$491.10 per share. As of December 31, 2007, a unit under the Plan represented one share of Common Stock.

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