KIRSHNER ALAN I
Form 4
February 08, 2010
FORM 4

| Check this box | Washington, D.C. 20549 |
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| if no longer subject to Section 16. | STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES |

(Print or Type Responses)


[^0]Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. <br> Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. <br> Transaction <br> Code <br> (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
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|  |  |  | Code | V (A) | (D) | Date <br> Exercisable | Expiration <br> Date | Title | or <br> Number <br> of <br> Shares |
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| Contract (1) (2) (3) | (2) (3) | 02/05/2010 | $\mathrm{J}^{(1)(2)(3)}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 7,500 \\ & \frac{(1)}{\left(\frac{(2)}{2}\right)} \end{aligned}$ | $\underline{(2)(3)}$ | 02/05/2010 | Common Stock | $\frac{(1)}{\underline{(3)}}$ |

## Reporting Owners

## Reporting Owner Name / Address

## Relationships

Director $10 \%$ Owner Officer Other
KIRSHNER ALAN I
C/O MARKEL CORPORATION
4521 HIGHWOODS PKWY
$\mathrm{X} \quad$ Chairman and CEO
GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060

## Signatures

Linda S. Rotz, Attorney-in-fact for Alan I.
Kirshner
02/08/2010
${ }_{-}^{* *}$ 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. $78 \mathrm{ff}(\mathrm{a})$.
(1) On February 5, 2007, Mr. Kirshner entered into a Prepaid Forward Agreement ("Forward Agreement") relating to the forward sale of 7,500 shares of common stock of Markel Corporation ("Common Stock").
(2) The Forward Agreement provided that 3 business days after February 5, 2010 (the "Maturity Date"), Mr. Kirshner would deliver a number of shares of Common Stock (or, at the election of Mr. Kirshner given in advance, the cash equivalent of such shares), based on the following: (a) if the closing price per share of Common Stock on the Maturity Date ("Final Price") was less than $\$ 493.1288$ ("Floor Price"), Mr. Kirshner would deliver 7,500 shares; (b) if the Final Price was equal to or greater than the Floor Price but less than or equal to $\$ 641.0674$ ("Cap Price"), Mr. Kirshner would deliver a number of shares equal to the Floor Price/Final Price x 7,500; and (c) if the


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Final Price was greater than the Cap Price, Mr. Kirshner would deliver a number of shares equal to the product of the sum of [(Floor Price/Final Price $)+(($ Final Price - Cap Price $) /$ Final Price $)]$ x 7,500. In consideration thereof, Mr. Kirshner received a price of \$3,030,892.89.
(3) On February 5, 2010, the Final Price was $\$ 333.10$. Mr. Kirshner delivered 7,500 shares of Common Stock in satisfaction of his obligations under the Forward Agreement.

Holdings under the Markel Corporation 401(K) Plan are reported in units. The information reported herein is based on a plan statement
(4) dated as of December 31, 2009 and utilizes the closing stock price on that date of $\$ 340.00$. As of $12 / 31 / 2009$, a unit under the Plan represented one share of Common Stock.
(5) Beneficial ownership of securities is expressly disclaimed.

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[^0]:    Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

