MARKEL ANTHONY F

Form 4

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MARKEL ANTHONY F			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MARKEL CORP [MKL]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Choose an approacte)			
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner			
C/O MARKEL			12/06/2011	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
CORPORATION, 4521				below) below) Vice Chairman			
HIGHWOOD	OS PKWY			, 100 C.I.I.I.I.II.			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)			
GLEN ALLE	EN, VA 230	50		_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities 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. Secur on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	(A)	ed of (D)	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	12/06/2011		S	71	D	\$ 401.1	3,965	I	As Trustee (1)
Common Stock							76,792	D	
Common Stock							6,220	I	As Trustee (2)
Common Stock							31,254	I	By Trust
Common Stock							3,366	I	As Trustee

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Common Stock	2,850	I	As Trustee (4)
Common Stock	1,961	I	As Trustee (4)
Common Stock	2,443	I	By Trust

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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	.	ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
MARKEL ANTHONY F C/O MARKEL CORPORATION 4521 HIGHWOODS PKWY GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060	X		Vice Chairman			

Signatures

/s/ Linda S. Rotz, Attorney-in-fact for Anthony F. 12/06/2011 Markel

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

2 Reporting Owners

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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) Mr. Markel is Trustee under a charitable lead unitrust in which his children have remainder interests. Beneficial ownership of securities is expressly disclaimed.
- (2) Mr. Markel is the Trustee under trusts for the benefit of himself and his children.
- (3) Mr. Markel is a Trustee and partial beneficiary of a series of Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts. The total reported herein reflects the aggregate of all such trusts.
- (4) Mr. Markel is Trustee of irrevocable trusts for the benefit of his children. Beneficial ownership of securities is expressly disclaimed.
- (5) Mr. Markel is the Trustee of a trust for the benefit of his children and their descendants and in which Mr. Markel retains a partial interest.

 Mr. Markel disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held in the trust except to the extent of his partial interest.

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