

MARKEL STEVEN A  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MARKEL STEVEN A

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 (Month/Day/Year)  
08/24/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Vice Chairman

C/O MARKEL CORPORATION, 4521 HIGHWOODS PKWY

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060

(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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	08/24/2011		G	V	1,500	D	\$ 0 161,415 D
Common Stock	10/03/2011		G	V	2,800	D	\$ 0 158,615 D
Common Stock	11/07/2011		G	V	6,500	D	\$ 0 143,635 <sup>(1)</sup> D
Common Stock						I	1,953.927 401(K) Plan <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock						I	58,058 <sup>(1)</sup> By Trust <sup>(3)</sup>



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- Holdings under the Markel Corporation 401(K) Plan are reported in units. The information reported herein is based on a plan statement
- (2) dated as of September 30, 2011 and utilizes the closing stock price on that date of \$357.13. As of 9/30/2011, a unit under the Plan represented one share of Common Stock.
  - (3) Mr. Markel is a Trustee and partial beneficiary of four Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts. The total reported represents the aggregate of the trusts.
  - (4) Mr. Markel is trustee and retains a partial interest in the trust. The amount reported reflects all the securities held by the trust, but Mr. Markel disclaims beneficial ownership except with respect to his interest in the trust.
  - (5) Beneficial ownership of securities is expressly disclaimed.

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