#### MARKEL ANTHONY F

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Add MARKEL AN	_	_	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol MARKEL CORP [MKL]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
C/O MARKEI CORPORATI HIGHWOOD	ON, 4521		(Month/Day/Year) 09/28/2011	X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice Chairman			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
GLEN ALLEN	N, VA 2306 (State)	(Zip)		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secui	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly 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. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d 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	09/28/2011		S	77	D	\$ 366.05	4,036	I	As Trustee (1)
Common Stock							76,792 (2)	D	
Common Stock							6,220	I	As Trustee (3)
Common Stock							31,254 (2)	I	By Trust
Common Stock							3,366	I	As Trustee (5)

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Common Stock	2,850	I	As Trustee (5)
Common Stock	1,961	I	As Trustee (5)
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)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Under	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						
reporting of their removers	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MARKEL ANTHONY F C/O MARKEL CORPORATION 4521 HIGHWOODS PKWY GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060	X		Vice Chairman				
Signatures							

## Signatures

/s/ Linda S. Rotz, Attorney-in-fact for Anthony F. 09/29/2011 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) End of period holdings reflect change in form of beneficial ownership by reason of the distribution of 2,617 shares from Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts to Mr. Markel.
- (3) Mr. Markel is the Trustee under trusts for the benefit of himself and his children.
- (4) 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.
- (5) Mr. Markel is Trustee of irrevocable trusts for the benefit of his children. Beneficial ownership of securities is expressly disclaimed.
- (6) 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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