

MARKEL ANTHONY F  
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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 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 (Month/Day/Year)  
12/14/2011

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/14/2011                           |  | G                              | V 1,346 D \$ 0  | 81,562 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/19/2011                           |  | G                              | V 7,387 D \$ 0  | 74,175  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/08/2012                           |  | G                              | V 384 D \$ 0  | 77,252 <sup>(2)</sup>   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 21,677 <sup>(3)</sup>   | I  | By Trust <sup>(4)</sup>           |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 3,965   | I  | As Trustee <sup>(5)</sup>         |

|              |       |   |                          |
|--------------|-------|---|--------------------------|
| Common Stock | 6,220 | I | As Trustee<br><u>(6)</u> |
| Common Stock | 3,366 | I | As Trustee<br><u>(7)</u> |
| Common Stock | 2,850 | I | As Trustee<br><u>(7)</u> |
| Common Stock | 1,961 | I | As Trustee<br><u>(7)</u> |
| Common Stock | 2,443 | I | By Trust<br><u>(8)</u>   |

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. Transaction Code (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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                       |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Code   | V (A) (D)   |  |  |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

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

02/13/2012

\_\_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) End of period holdings also reflect change in form of beneficial ownership by reason of the distribution of 6,116 shares from Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts to Mr. Markel.
- (2) End of period holdings also reflect change in form of beneficial ownership by reason of the distribution of 3,461 shares from Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts to Mr. Markel.
- (3) End of period holdings reflect change in form of beneficial ownership by reason of the distribution of 9,577 shares from Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts to Mr. Markel.
- (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 under a charitable lead unitrust in which his children have remainder interests. Beneficial ownership of securities is expressly disclaimed.
- (6) Mr. Markel is the Trustee under trusts for the benefit of himself and his children.
- (7) Mr. Markel is Trustee of irrevocable trusts for the benefit of his children. Beneficial ownership of securities is expressly disclaimed.
- (8) 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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