

Albanese Gerard JR  
Form 4  
May 12, 2010

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Albanese Gerard JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MARKEL  
CORPORATION, 4521  
HIGHWOODS PARKWAY

(Street)

RICHMOND, VA 23060

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
MARKEL CORP [MKL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/10/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
EVP & Chief Underwriting Off.

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

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 05/10/2010                              |                                                             | A <sup>(1)</sup>         | 2,780 A \$ 0                                                               | 9,067.31 <sup>(2)</sup>                                                                                            | D                                                                    |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                          |                                                                            | 719.971                                                                                                            | I                                                                    | 401(K)<br>Plan <sup>(3)</sup>                                     |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repo<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
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|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V (A) (D)                                                                                                          | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                        | Title                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                               | Relationships                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                                              | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| Albanese Gerard JR<br>C/O MARKEL CORPORATION<br>4521 HIGHWOODS PARKWAY<br>RICHMOND, VA 23060 | EVP & Chief Underwriting Off.    |

## Signatures

Linda S. Rotz, Attorney-in-fact for Gerard Albanese, Jr. 05/12/2010

\_\_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. 78ff(a).
- (1) Restricted stock units awarded pursuant to the Markel Corporation Omnibus Incentive Plan. Subject to certain conditions, twenty percent of the restricted stock units will vest on May 10, 2011, and the balance will vest on May 10, 2015.
- In addition to the grant of 2,780 restricted stock units reported herein, the total also includes 1,149 other restricted stock units granted pursuant to the Markel Corporation Omnibus Incentive Plan, of which 416 units will vest on December 31, 2011, 386 units will vest on December 31, 2012, and 347 units will vest on December 31, 2013.
- (3) Holdings under the Markel Corporation 401(K) Plan are reported in units. The information reported herein is based on a plan statement dated as of March 31, 2010 and utilizes the closing stock price on that date of \$374.66. As of 3/31/2010, a unit under the Plan represented one share of Common Stock.

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