EBY DOUGLAS C

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Last)

(City)

C/O MARKEL

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * EBY DOUGLAS C

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

CORPORATION, 4521 **HIGHWOODS PKWY**

(Middle)

MARKEL CORP [MKL] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year) 01/30/2006

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

(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 Form filed by More than One Reporting

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

GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year)

(State)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) or Indirect Following Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) Code V Amount

(D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Common Stock

(Instr. 3)

01/30/2006

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 $7,336.378 \stackrel{(2)}{=} D$

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)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Titl		8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transact Code (Instr. 8)	orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	:		Amou Under Securi (Instr.	lying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

EBY DOUGLAS C
C/O MARKEL CORPORATION
4521 HIGHWOODS PKWY
GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060

Signatures

Linda S. Rotz, Attorney-in-fact for Douglas C. Eby

01/31/2006

**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) Shares acquired pursuant to, or bonus shares granted under, Employee Stock Purchase and Bonus Plan.
- (2) Includes 1,000 restricted stock units granted pursuant to the Markel Corporation Omnibus Incentive Plan.

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