#### MARKEL ANTHONY F

Form 4

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# FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ac	^	_	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			MARKEL CORP [MKL]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	W 71			
C/O MADVI	71		(Month/Day/Year)	X_ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify			
C/O MARKEL			02/03/2006	below) below)			
CORPORATION, 4521				President			
HIGHWOOI	DS PKW Y						
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)			
GLEN ALLE	EN, VA 230	60		_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I Non Derivative Securities A	equired Disposed of ar Reposicially Owner			

(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
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1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio	4. Securi		or	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code				Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/03/2006		S	227	D	\$ 331	2,146	I	By Spouse as Trustee
Common Stock							210,460	D	
Common Stock							60,000	I	By Trust
Common Stock							1,961	I	As Trustee (3)
							3,366	I	

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Common Stock			As Trustee (3)
Common Stock	2,850	I	As Trustee (3)
Common Stock	6,000	I	By Spouse (4)
Common Stock	2,443	I	By Trust (5)

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. Transa Code (Instr.	8)	5. nNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Secur	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code	v	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MARKEL ANTHONY F C/O MARKEL CORPORATION 4521 HIGHWOODS PKWY GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060	X		President				
Signatures							

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

02/03/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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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's spouse is the Trustee of an irrevocable trust established for the benefit of Mr. Markel's child. Mr. Markel expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of securities held in the trust.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Mr. Markel is Trustee of irrevocable trusts for the benefit of his children. Beneficial ownership of securities is expressly disclaimed.
- (4) Beneficial ownership of securities is expressly disclaimed.
- (5) 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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