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## FORM 4

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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 * EBY DOUGLAS C			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> 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	(Check an applicable)			
C/O MARKEL CORPORATION, 4521 HIGHWOODS PKWY			(Month/Day/Year) 05/25/2006	_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specification)			
(Street)  GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060			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 Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zin)					

(City)	(State)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Acquired (A)	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of		
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	omr Disposed of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect		
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial		
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		Owned	Direct (D)	Ownership		
					Following	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)		
					Reported	(I)			

(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common J(1)05/25/2006 89.502  $6,125.88 \frac{(2)}{}$ D Stock 335.19

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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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

EBY DOUGLAS C

C/O MARKEL CORPORATION 4521 HIGHWOODS PKWY

## **Signatures**

GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060

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

05/26/2006

Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

### **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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