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# FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **GRANDIS LESLIE A** Issuer Symbol MARKEL CORP [MKL] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X\_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify C/O MARKEL 05/25/2006 CORPORATION, 4521 **HIGHWOODS PKWY** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

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>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securit<br>our Dispos<br>(Instr. 3, 4 | ed of | ` ′          | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|-------|--------------|--|--|---|
| Common<br>Stock                      | 05/25/2006                              |   | <u>J(1)</u>                            | 44.751                                   | A     | \$<br>335.19 | 18,978.611<br>(2)  | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      |   |   |  |  |       |              | 525  | I  | By Spouse (3)   |

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 | f 2.         | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed         | 4.         | 5.         | 6. Date Exer | cisable and | 7. Titl | le and      | 8. Price of | 9. Nu  |
|-------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|--------------|-------------|---------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative  | e Conversion | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | Transacti  | orNumber   | Expiration D | ate         | Amou    | ınt of      | Derivative  | Deriv  |
| Security    | or Exercise  |                     | any                | Code       | of         | (Month/Day/  | /Year)      | Under   | rlying      | Security    | Secui  |
| (Instr. 3)  | Price of     |                     | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8) | Derivativ  | e            |             | Secur   | ities       | (Instr. 5)  | Bene   |
|             | Derivative   |                     |                    |            | Securities | S            |             | (Instr. | . 3 and 4)  |             | Owne   |
|             | Security     |                     |                    |            | Acquired   |              |             |         |             |             | Follo  |
|             |              |                     |                    |            | (A) or     |              |             |         |             |             | Repo   |
|             |              |                     |                    |            | Disposed   |              |             |         |             |             | Trans  |
|             |              |                     |                    |            | of (D)     |              |             |         |             |             | (Instr |
|             |              |                     |                    |            | (Instr. 3, |              |             |         |             |             |        |
|             |              |                     |                    |            | 4, and 5)  |              |             |         |             |             |        |
|             |              |                     |                    |            |            |              |             |         | A           |             |        |
|             |              |                     |                    |            |            |              |             |         | Amount      |             |        |
|             |              |                     |                    |            |            | Date         | Expiration  | T:41-   | or<br>Namel |             |        |
|             |              |                     |                    |            |            | Exercisable  | Date        |         | Number      |             |        |
|             |              |                     |                    | C-1- V     | (A) (D)    |              |             |         | of          |             |        |
|             |              |                     |                    | Code v     | (A) (D)    |              |             |         | Shares      |             |        |

# **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Director 10% Owner Officer

**GRANDIS LESLIE A** C/O MARKEL CORPORATION 4521 HIGHWOODS PKWY GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060



### **Signatures**

Linda S. Rotz, Attorney-in-fact for Leslie A. 05/26/2006 Grandis

> \*\*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 1000 Restricted Stock Units granted pursuant to the Markel Corporation Omnibus Incentive Plan.
- (3) Beneficial ownership of securities is expressly disclaimed.

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