#### MARKEL ANTHONY F

Form 4

Common

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December 15	5, 2010										
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(Print or Type F	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MARKEL ANTHONY F			Symbol	er Name <b>an</b> EL COR				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (	Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					(Clieci	ek an applicable)		
C/O MARK CORPORA' HIGHWOO	TION, 4521		(Month/I 12/14/2	Day/Year) 2010				_X_ Director _X_ Officer (give below)		Owner er (specify	
GLEN ALL	(Street) EN, VA 23060			endment, D onth/Day/Yea	_	al		6. Individual or Jos Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by O Form filed by M	ne Reporting Pe	rson	
		(7:n)						Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)					_	uired, Disposed of			
Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)		sed of 4 and (A) or		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	12/14/2010			S	2,029	D	368.809 (1)	82,357	D		
Common Stock								4,252	I	As Trustee (2)	

As

Trustee (3)

By Trust

6,220

33,181

3,366

I

I

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Common Stock			As Trustee (5)
Common Stock	2,850	I	As Trustee (5)
Common Stock	1,961	I	As Trustee (5)
Common Stock	2,443	I	By Trust

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.	etion	5. aNumber 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						
. 5	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Othe			
MARKEL ANTHONY F C/O MARKEL CORPORATION 4521 HIGHWOODS PKWY GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060	X		Vice Chairman				
Signaturos							

## **Signatures**

/s/ Linda S. Rotz, Attorney-in-fact for Anthony F.
Markel 12/15/2010

\*\*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).
- Sales were effected in twenty separate transactions at prices ranging from \$367.60 to \$370.40. Mr. Markel will provide upon request by (1) the Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or any security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- Mr. Markel is Trustee under a charitable lead unitrust in which his children have remainder interests. Beneficial ownership of securities is expressly disclaimed.
- (3) Mr. Markel is the Trustee under trusts for the benefit of himself and his children.
- (4) 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.
- (5) Mr. Markel is Trustee of irrevocable trusts for the benefit of his children. Beneficial ownership of securities is expressly disclaimed.
- (6) 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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