

Whitt Richard R III
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Whitt Richard R III

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MARKEL
CORPORATION, 4521
HIGHWOODS PARKWAY

(Street)

GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
MARKEL CORP [MKL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/02/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify
below) below)
Sr. VP and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	09/23/2008		G	V	12	D	\$ 0	5,927.2456 (1)
Common Stock	12/02/2008		F		75	D	\$ 266.185	5,852.2456 (2)
Common Stock								1,639.902
								I
								401(K) Plan (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 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 10)
				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
Whitt Richard R III C/O MARKEL CORPORATION 4521 HIGHWOODS PARKWAY GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060			Sr. VP and CFO	

Signatures

Linda S. Rotz, Attorney-in-fact for Richard R.
Whitt, III 12/04/2008

__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) Includes 3,310 restricted stock units granted pursuant to the Markel Corporation Omnibus Incentive Plan.

Includes 3,078 restricted stock units granted pursuant to the Markel Corporation Omnibus Incentive Plan, of which 145 units will vest on December 31, 2009, 365 units will vest on December 31, 2010, 1,204 units will vest on December 31, 2011 and 1,364 units will vest on December 31, 2012.

Holdings under the Markel Corporation 401(K) Plan are reported in units. The information reported herein is based on a plan statement dated as of September 30, 2008 and utilizes the closing stock price on that date of \$351.50. As of 9/30/2008, a unit under the Plan represented one share of Common Stock.

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