

MARKEL CORP
Form 4
February 24, 2009

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Albanese Gerard JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MARKEL
CORPORATION, 4521
HIGHWOODS PARKWAY

(Street)

RICHMOND, VA 23060

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/23/2009

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-Chief Underwriting Off

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
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. 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/23/2009		A ⁽¹⁾		346	A	\$ 0
Common Stock							684.508
						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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				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
Albanese Gerard JR C/O MARKEL CORPORATION 4521 HIGHWOODS PARKWAY RICHMOND, VA 23060	Sr VP-Chief Underwriting Off

Signatures

D. Michael Jones, Attorney-in-fact for Gerard Albanese, Jr. 02/24/2009

__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) Restricted stock units awarded pursuant to the Markel Corporation Omnibus Incentive Plan. Restricted stock units will vest on December 31, 2013.
- Includes 1,307 restricted stock units granted pursuant to the Markel Corporation Omnibus Incentive Plan, of which 159 units will vest on December 31, 2009, 416 units will vest on December 31, 2011, 386 units will vest on December 31, 2012, and 346 units will vest on December 31, 2013.
- (2) 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 December 31, 2008 and utilizes the closing stock price on that date of \$299.00. As of 12/31/2008, a unit under the Plan represented one share of Common Stock.
- (3)

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