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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Broaddus J Alfred Jr

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

MARKEL CORP [MKL]

03/03/2005

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(State)

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

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

C/O MARKEL CORPORATION, 4521 HIGHWOODS PARKWAY

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

(Zip)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

358.65

GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060

(City)

Stock

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) **Following** (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common J(1)03/03/2005 6.971 1,006.971 (2) D

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 Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transacti	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Title a		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Underly Securitie (Instr. 3	ring es	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
. 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Broaddus J Alfred Jr C/O MARKEL CORPORATION 4521 HIGHWOODS PARKWAY GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060	X						

Signatures

Linda S. Rotz, Attorney-in-fact for J. Alfred Broaddus, Jr.

03/07/2005

**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 1,000 restricted stock units granted pursuant to the Markel Corporation Omnibus Incentive Plan.

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