

KIRSHNER ALAN I
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KIRSHNER ALAN I

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MARKEL CORPORATION, 4521 HIGHWOODS PKWY

(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)
11/04/2004

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
11/08/2004

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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. 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					54,720	D	
Common Stock					6,987.866	I	401(K) Plan ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock					238.917	I	By Spouse - 401(K) Plan ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(1) 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, 2004 and utilizes the closing stock price on that date of \$308.40 per share. As of 9/30/2004, a unit under the Plan represented one share of Common Stock.

(2) Beneficial ownership of securities is expressly disclaimed.

(3) On November 4, 2004, Mr. Kirshner entered into a Prepaid Forward Agreement ("3-Year Forward Agreement") relating to the forward sale of 5000 shares of common stock of Markel Corporation ("Common Stock"). On November 4, 2004, the counterparty to the 3-Year Forward Agreement sold 5000 shares of Common Stock into the public market in accordance with paragraphs (f) and (g) of Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, at a weighted average per-share price equal to \$314.50 (the "3-Year Floor Price"). The 3-year Forward Agreement provides that three business days after November 5, 2007 (the "3-Year Maturity Date"), Mr. Kirshner will deliver to the counterparty to the 3-Year Forward Agreement a number of shares of Common Stock (or, at the election of Mr. Kirshner, the cash equivalent of such shares) based on an agreed formula.

(4) The agreed formula provides that (a) if the closing price per share of Common Stock on the 3-Year Maturity Date ("3-Year Final Price") is less than the 3-Year Floor Price, Mr. Kirshner will deliver 5000 shares; (b) if the 3-Year Final Price is equal to or greater than the 3-Year Floor Price but less than or equal to \$408.85 (the "3-Year Cap Price"), Mr. Kirshner will deliver a number of shares equal to the 3-Year Floor Price/3-Year Final Price x 5000; and (c) if the 3-Year Final Price is greater than the 3-Year Cap Price, Mr. Kirshner will deliver a number of shares equal to the product of the sum of [(3-Year Floor Price/3-Year Final Price) + ((3-Year Final Price - 3-Year Cap Price)/3-Year Final Price)] x 5000. In consideration of the 3-Year Forward Agreement, Mr. Kirshner received a price of \$1,320,900.00.

(5) On November 4, 2004, Mr. Kirshner entered into a Prepaid Forward Agreement ("4-Year Forward Agreement") relating to the forward sale of 10000 shares of Common Stock. On November 4, 2004, the counterparty to the 4-Year Forward Agreement sold 10000 shares of Common Stock into the public market in accordance with paragraphs (f) and (g) of Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, at a weighted average per-share price equal to \$315.445 (the "4-Year Floor Price"). The 4-year Forward Agreement provides that three business days after November 4, 2008 (the "4-Year Maturity Date"), Mr. Kirshner will deliver to the counterparty to the 4-Year Forward Agreement a number of shares of Common Stock (or, at the election of Mr. Kirshner, the cash equivalent of such shares) based on an agreed formula.

(6) The agreed formula provides that (a) if the closing price per share of Common Stock on the 4-Year Maturity Date ("4-Year Final Price") is less than the 4-Year Floor Price, Mr. Kirshner will deliver 10000 shares; (b) if the 4-Year Final Price is equal to or greater than the 4-Year Floor Price but less than or equal to \$425.8508 (the "4-Year Cap Price"), Mr. Kirshner will deliver a number of shares equal to the 4-Year Floor Price/4-Year Final Price x 10000; and (c) if the 4-Year Final Price is greater than the 4-Year Cap Price, Mr. Kirshner will deliver a number of shares equal to the product of the sum of [(4-Year Floor Price/4-Year Final Price) + ((4-Year Final Price - 4-Year Cap Price)/4-Year Final Price)] x 10000. In consideration of the 4-Year Forward Agreement, Mr. Kirshner received a price of \$2,563,621.52.

(7) On November 4, 2004, Mr. Kirshner entered into a Prepaid Forward Agreement ("5-Year Forward Agreement") relating to the forward sale of 5000 shares of Common Stock. On November 4, 2004, the counterparty to the 5-Year Forward Agreement sold 5000 shares of Common Stock into the public market in accordance with paragraphs (f) and (g) of Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, at a weighted average per-share price equal to \$315.445 (the "5-Year Floor Price"). The 5-year Forward Agreement provides that three business days after November 4, 2009 (the "5-Year Maturity Date"), Mr. Kirshner will deliver to the counterparty to the 5-Year Forward Agreement a number of shares of Common Stock (or, at the election of Mr. Kirshner, the cash equivalent of such shares) based on an agreed formula.

(8) The agreed formula provides that (a) if the closing price per share of Common Stock on the 5-Year Maturity Date ("5-Year Final Price") is less than the 5-Year Floor Price, Mr. Kirshner will deliver 5000 shares; (b) if the 5-Year Final Price is equal to or greater than the 5-Year Floor Price but less than or equal to \$441.6230 (the "5-Year Cap Price"), Mr. Kirshner will deliver a number of shares equal to the 5-Year Floor Price/5-Year Final Price x 5000; and (c) if the 5-Year Final Price is greater than the 5-Year Cap Price, Mr. Kirshner will deliver a number of shares equal to the product of the sum of [(5-Year Floor Price/5-Year Final Price) + ((5-Year Final Price - 5-Year Cap Price)/5-Year Final Price)] x 5000. In consideration of the 5-Year Forward Agreement, Mr. Kirshner received a price of \$1,233,705.40.

Remarks:

The Form 4 originally filed on November 8, 2004 reported an incorrect date in Item 3. This Form 4/A restates in their entirety

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