

MARKEL CORP  
Form S-8 POS  
February 09, 2011

File No. 333-143392

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

**POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO**  
**FORM S-8**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

*Under*

*The Securities Act of 1933*

**Markel Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia  
(State or other jurisdiction of

54-1959284  
(I.R.S. Employer

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incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

4521 Highwoods Parkway

Glen Allen, Virginia  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

23060-6148  
(Zip Code)

Markel Corporation Retirement Savings Plan

Markel Aspen 401(k) Plan

(Full title of the plans)

D. Michael Jones

General Counsel and Secretary

Markel Corporation

4521 Highwoods Parkway

Glen Allen, Virginia 23060-6148

(804) 747-0136

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

**ADDITION OF PLAN**

In its Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-143392), Markel Corporation (the Company) registered 100,000 shares of its common stock, no par value, for issuance to participants in the Markel Corporation Retirement Savings Plan (the Plan). Markel Aspen, Inc., a subsidiary of the Company, sponsors the Markel Aspen 401(k) Plan. Effective February 9, 2011, the Registration Statement is amended to add the Markel Aspen 401(k) Plan to the Registration Statement. In addition, pursuant to Rule 416(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, the Registration Statement is also amended to cover an indeterminate amount of interests to be offered or sold pursuant to the Markel Aspen 401(k) Plan. No additional shares of Markel Corporation common stock are being registered.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 and in accordance with Rule 478 thereto, the Registrant has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement on Form S-8 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the County of Henrico, State of Virginia, on February 9, 2011.

MARKEL CORPORATION

By: /s/ ANNE G. WALESKI

Anne G. Waleski

Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

and Treasurer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on February 9, 2011.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Title</b>
<i>/s/</i> ALAN I. KIRSHNER* <b>Alan I. Kirshner</b>	Director, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)
<i>/s/</i> ANTHONY F. MARKEL* <b>Anthony F. Markel</b>	Director
<i>/s/</i> STEVEN A. MARKEL* <b>Steven A. Markel</b>	Director
<i>/s/</i> ANNE G. WALESKI <b>Anne G. Waleski</b>	Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer)
<i>/s/</i> NORA N. CROUCH <b>Nora N. Crouch</b>	Controller and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)

/s/ J. ALFRED BROADDUS* <b>J. Alfred Broaddus</b>	Director
/s/ DOUGLAS C. EBY* <b>Douglas C. Eby</b>	Director
/s/ Stewart M. Kasen* <b>Stewart M. Kasen</b>	Director
/s/ Lemuel E. Lewis* <b>Lemuel E. Lewis</b>	Director
/s/ JAY M. WEINBERG* <b>Jay M. Weinberg</b>	Director

\*By: /s/ D. Michael Jones  
**D. Michael Jones**

**Attorney-in-fact**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Administrative Committee of the Markel Corporation Retirement Savings Plan has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the County of Henrico, State of Virginia, on February 9, 2011.

Markel Corporation Retirement Savings Plan

By: /s/ Pamela J. Perrott  
Pamela J. Perrott  
Administrative Committee Member

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, Markel Aspen, Inc. as Plan Administrator of the Markel Aspen 401(k) Plan has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the County of Henrico, State of Virginia, on February 9, 2011.

Markel Aspen 401(k) Plan

By: /s/ Anne G. Waleski  
Anne G. Waleski  
Vice President and Treasurer,  
Markel Aspen, Inc.

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
24	Powers of Attorney*

\* Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 24 of the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8 dated May 31, 2007 (Registration No. 333-143392).