

MARKEL CORP
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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 *
GAYNER THOMAS SINICKSON

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O MARKEL CORPORATION, 4521 HIGHWOODS PARKWAY

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

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP & Chief Investment Officer

(Street)
GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060

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

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/02/2008		F	V Amount (D) Price 17.951 D \$ 266.185	27,714.451 (1)	D	
Common Stock					2,000	I	By Spouse
Common Stock					2,209.564	I	401(K) Plan (2)
Common Stock					446.66	I	By Trust

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

