

MARKEL CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 25, 2006

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to section 13 or 15(d) of**  
**The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report: January 25, 2006

(Date of earliest event reported)

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**Markel Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Virginia**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**001-15811**  
(Commission File Number)

**54-1959284**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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4521 Highwoods Parkway

Glen Allen, Virginia 23060-6148

(804) 747-0136

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On January 25, 2006, Markel Corporation issued a press release announcing 2005 annual financial results. A copy of this press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibit

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release issued January 25, 2006.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

MARKEL CORPORATION

Date: January 25, 2006

By: /s/ Richard R. Whitt, III  
Name: Richard R. Whitt, III  
Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit 99.1 Press release issued January 25, 2006