

MARKEL CORP  
Form 8-K  
April 29, 2011

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

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

**Date of Report: April 29, 2011**

**(Date of earliest event reported)**

**Markel Corporation**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission

(IRS Employer

File Number)

Identification No.)

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)

(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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On April 29, 2011, Markel Corporation issued a press release announcing certain financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2011. A copy of this press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release issued April 29, 2011.

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: April 29, 2011

By: /s/ Anne G. Waleski  
Name: Anne G. Waleski  
Title: Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

**Exhibit Index**

<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press release issued April 29, 2011