

MARKEL CORP  
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Supplementing Preliminary Prospectus dated May 25, 2011

Registration No. 333-156265

## Markel Corporation

### \$250,000,000 5.35% Senior Notes Due 2021

#### Term Sheet

<b>Issuer:</b>	Markel Corporation
<b>Security Type:</b>	SEC Registered Senior Notes
<b>Anticipated Ratings / Outlook:*</b>	Moody s: Baa2 (Stable), S&P: BBB (Negative), Fitch: BBB (Stable)
<b>Principal Amount:</b>	\$250,000,000
<b>Trade Date:</b>	May 25, 2011
<b>Settlement Date (T+4):**</b>	June 1, 2011
<b>Maturity Date:</b>	June 1, 2021
<b>Interest Payment Dates:</b>	Semi-annually in arrears on June 1 and December 1 of each year
<b>Initial Interest Payment Date:</b>	December 1, 2011
<b>Coupon:</b>	5.35%
<b>Benchmark Treasury:</b>	3.125% due May 15, 2021
<b>Benchmark Price / Yield:</b>	100-00+ / 3.123%
<b>Spread to Benchmark:</b>	+225 basis points
<b>Yield to Maturity:</b>	5.373%
<b>Net Proceeds to Issuer before Expenses:</b>	\$247,935,000
<b>Price to Public:</b>	99.824%
<b>Optional Redemption:</b>	Make-whole call at any time at Treasury Rate plus 35 basis points. See  Description of the Notes Optional Redemption in the preliminary prospectus  supplement for more information.
<b>Denominations:</b>	\$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000
<b>CUSIP/ISIN:</b>	570535 AJ3 / US570535AJ39
<b>Joint Book-Running Managers:</b>	Citigroup Global Markets Inc.  Wells Fargo Securities, LLC
<b>Senior Co-Managers:</b>	Barclays Capital Inc.

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J.P. Morgan Securities LLC

SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.

**Co-Managers:**

BB&T Capital Markets, a division of Scott & Stringfellow, LLC

Loop Capital Markets LLC

**\* Note: A securities rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time.**

**\*\*It is expected that delivery of the notes will be made against payment therefor on or about June 1, 2011, which will be the fourth business day following the date hereof (this settlement cycle being referred to as T+4 ). Under Rule 15c6-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in three business days, unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade notes on the date hereof or the next succeeding business day will be required, by virtue of the fact that the notes initially will settle in T+4, to specify an alternate settlement cycle at the time of any such trade to prevent a failed settlement. Purchasers of notes who wish to trade notes on the date hereof or the next succeeding business day should consult their own advisor.**

**The Issuer has filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the SEC for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus in that registration statement and other documents the Issuer has filed with the SEC for more complete information about the Issuer and this offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC Web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Alternatively, the issuer, any underwriter or any dealer participating in the offering will arrange to send you the prospectus supplement and prospectus if you request it by calling Citigroup Global Markets Inc. toll-free at 1-877-858-5407 or Wells Fargo Securities, LLC toll-free at 1-800-326-5897.**