

MARKEL CORP  
Form DEFA14A  
March 24, 2008

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

**SCHEDULE 14A**

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**  
**(Amendment No. \_\_)**

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**MARKEL CORPORATION**

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Notice to Markel Associates Regarding Multiple Proxy Cards

For Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be Held on May 13, 2008

Markel Corporation has begun mailing its 2007 Annual Report to Shareholders, its Proxy Statement and proxy cards in connection with its Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on May 13, 2008. Many associates will receive more than one proxy card in their package because separate proxy cards have been printed for (i) shares of Markel stock owned through the Markel Corporation 401(k) Plan, (ii) shares of Markel stock owned through the Employee Stock Purchase and Bonus Plan, and (iii) shares of Markel stock owned by record holders. In addition, associates who own shares of Markel stock in a brokerage account will receive a separate mailing and proxy card to vote those shares. **These multiple proxy cards are not duplicates.** If you wish to ensure that all of your shares are voted at the Annual Meeting, please complete and return all of the proxy cards that you receive. You should review the 2007 Annual Report and the Proxy Statement in connection with voting your proxy card(s). If you have any questions, please contact either Mike Jones or Linda Rotz in Richmond. Thank you.