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Markel Expands Employer Stop Loss Team

Richmond, VA, November 11, 2010 – Markel's Accident & Health Division announced today a continued investment in the Employer Stop Loss market with the addition of Stewart "Stew" Riley as Business Development Specialist. Riley's responsibilities focus on cultivating relationships with select third party administrators (TPAs), benefit consultants, and brokers across the country. He has 15 years of insurance industry experience, most recently with Mutual of Omaha, and is based in Maryland.

"We see increasing interest in Stop Loss as a viable option for employers as health care reform continues to evolve," stated Mark Nichols, Managing Director of Markel Accident & Health. "Stew's role is to identify industry-leading partners with values similar to Markel—a commitment to honesty and financial security, an entrepreneurial spirit, and innovation in providing solutions for our clients. Markel's core values and stability in this space set us apart from the competition and give our partners an advantage in the marketplace," he continued.

Paul Broughton, Director of Marketing & Administration, commented, "The addition of Stew to our team is a testament of our continued commitment to the Stop Loss market. With associates such as Stew and myself who have previous experience working directly for a TPA, our partners can be assured that we understand their requirements and the business from their point of view."

Markel distributes Employer Stop Loss insurance solutions through relationships with local, regional, and national producers in 49 jurisdictions. In July 2010, the executive team from Markel's former independent underwriting management partner, Donnelly-Skrtich Underwriters, LLC (DSU), joined the company as part of Markel's strategic growth plans for this market.

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