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Markel Expands Support for Retail Agencies in the Northeast

Richmond, VA, February 8, 2011 – Markel Specialty announced today that it has named James Gregory as Business Development Specialist to support retail agencies in the Northeast. Gregory will team with existing Markel producers and develop new agency partnerships in Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

“After successfully partnering with retail agents in the Midwest, we are pleased to provide Jamie’s expertise as a resource to producers in the Northeast. Jamie will work closely with agents to grow premium for Markel’s specialty admitted products, including core markets such as social services, camps, child care, and accident and health,” stated Thomas K. Smith, Managing Director of Markel Specialty.

Gregory joined Markel in 2008.

ABOUT MARKEL CORPORATION

Markel Corporation markets and underwrites specialty insurance products and programs to a variety of niche markets. In each of these markets, the Company seeks to provide quality products and excellent customer service so that it can be a market leader. The financial goals of the Company are to earn consistent underwriting profits and superior investment returns to build shareholder value. Visit Markel Corporation on the web at www.markelcorp.com.

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