

MARKEL CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 30, 2006

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

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

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

**Date of Report: January 25, 2006**

**(Date of earliest event reported)**

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**Markel Corporation**

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

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**Virginia**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**

**of incorporation)**

**001-15811**  
**(Commission File Number)**

**54-1959284**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**

**Identification No.)**

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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.)

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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):

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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On January 25, 2006, Markel Corporation entered into a Sale and Assignment Agreement with Alan I. Kirshner, the Corporation's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, to purchase, effective as of January 1, 2006, Mr. Kirshner's approximately 1/7 ownership interest in Dominion Citation Group, L.C. ( Dominion ) for \$134,000. Dominion is a limited liability company formed to own and operate a private aircraft. Steven Markel, the Corporation's Vice-Chairman also owns an approximate 1/7 interest in Dominion. Ownership interests in Dominion entitle the member to use of the aircraft for a specified number of hours at rates believed to be more favorable than those generally available in the market. A copy of the Sale and Assignment Agreement is filed as Exhibit 99.1

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibit

**No. Description**

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99.1 Sale and Assignment Agreement

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: January 30, 2006

By:           /s/ Richard R. Whitt, III          

Name: Richard R. Whitt, III

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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