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**Markel adds construction talent to Excess Casualty team**

**Richmond, Virginia, July 20, 2017** — Markel Global Insurance, a division of Markel Corporation (NYSE: MKL), today announced that John Ferguson has been hired as a director of the New York-based US Excess Casualty team. In his new role, Ferguson serves as the retail construction practice lead and is responsible for a range of underwriting and relationship management functions. Ferguson reports to Matt Mullen, Managing Director of Excess Casualty.

Ferguson brings underwriting and production experience to this high visibility role. He began his insurance career in claims with E.R. Quinn Company, served as a Senior Underwriter for AIG within American Home Insurance, and most recently was the casualty manager for the Northeast for Ironshore.

Mullen stated, "John will be a great addition to our team—he is bright, likeable, passionate, and well respected by our production partners. His technical expertise and relationships with brokers will both prove to be valuable assets to Markel as we expand our construction business. John is a charismatic leader and construction is a core market for us. We think that lots of new opportunities will become available with John here at Markel, and we are excited to have him on our growing Excess Casualty team."

Ferguson is based in Markel's midtown Manhattan office.

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