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MARKEL ANNOUNCES CONFERENCE CALL DATE AND TIME

Richmond, VA, August 1, 2013 —

Markel Corporation (NYSE-MKL) announced today it will hold a conference call on Thursday, August 8, 2013 beginning at 10:30 am (Eastern Daylight Time) to discuss quarterly results and business developments.

Any person interested in listening to the call or a replay of the call, which will be available from approximately two hours after the conclusion of the call until August 19, 2013, should contact Markel's Investor Relations Department at 804-747-0136. Investors, analysts and the general public may also listen to the call free over the Internet through Markel Corporation's corporate web site, www.markelcorp.com. A replay of the call will also be available on the web site until August 19, 2013.

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