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Markel names Matt Huels Managing Director, Brokerage Casualty

Richmond, VA, January 6, 2015 — Markel announced today the appointment of Matt Huels as Managing Director, Brokerage Casualty, for its product line leadership team.

Huels comes to Markel from XL, where he was Vice President of the casualty product line nationwide. Huels has also held leadership and underwriting positions with CoverX and ACE Westchester. Huels has 15 years of primary casualty experience, mostly in the excess and surplus lines segment. Huels has a Bachelor of Science degree from Millikin University, and he has earned his CPCU designation.

"Matt's expertise, industry knowledge, and wholesale relationships will enhance our product, appetite, and creative solutions in the primary casualty marketplace. His leadership will strengthen Markel's position as a go-to casualty market," commented Jeff Lamb, Executive Underwriting Officer.

Huels will be based in Markel's Chicago, Illinois, office and will report to Jeff Lamb.

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