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Markel Announces Admitted E&O Program

Richmond, VA, August 25, 2011 - Markel is pleased to announce the launch of their admitted miscellaneous professional liability program. The company is leveraging their long term experience in the professional liability marketplace in order to offer a broader, more comprehensive solution to small businesses that often fail to address their professional liability exposure. Targeted classes include a wide variety of consulting services, medical support services such as practice management and contract research, insurance related services such as claim adjusters and risk managers, and many more.

The admitted program is built around a claims-made policy form and offers several enhancements, providing the flexibility to customize coverage to meet the specific needs of the client. Available limits go up to $3,000,000 and deductibles can be offset to zero in select situations. The most attractive feature of the program is the pricing. Minimum premiums can be as low as $750 for a $1,000,000 limit, with lower pricing options available for lower limits.

"Unlike other types of insurance, there's still a lot of untapped opportunity in the Miscellaneous E&O market. I'm very excited to bring an admitted option to our producers to help capitalize on these opportunities. I think it's a perfect complement to round out our surplus lines business," said Inga Goddijn, managing director of Miscellaneous E&O for Markel.

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