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Markel Announces Cooperative Relationship with Experian Data Breach Resolution for DataBreach Loss Control Resources

Richmond, VA, September 10, 2012 — Markel announced today that it will work with Experian Data Breach Resolution to provide loss control resources to its DataBreachSM policy holders. Owners of Markel's DataBreach policy now will have access to Experian's state-of-the-art breach response services, including incident response management, notification and letter shop services, credit monitoring and identity protection, call center support, and fraud resolution assistance.

Jake Kouns, Director of Cyber Security and Technology Risks Underwriting for Markel, commented, "We're very pleased to bring additional services to our policyholders. This agreement creates a powerful combination of broad insurance coverage coupled with outstanding post-breach response support."

David Vanalek, Manager of Claims at Markel added, "By working with Experian Data Breach Resolution, we will provide a focused, robust, and dynamic platform to deliver a fast, efficient and cost-effective response in the event of a data breach."

Experian Data Breach Resolution, a part of ConsumerInfo.com, Inc., an Experian company, offers an all-inclusive data breach resolution option for policy holders by balancing the need for compliant notifications and incident management with the protection needs of the individuals affected in a breach.

"We are pleased to work with organizations like Markel to bring Experian Data Breach Resolution to its customers," said Michael Bruemmer, vice president of Experian Data Breach Resolution. "With all the sensitive information that businesses process these days, planning for and being prepared to respond to a data breach should be a top priority."

Markel's DataBreach policy provides a unique coverage structure, including a supplementary payments section responding to notification and credit monitoring costs. This coverage is provided outside of the limit of liability and is not subject to a deductible.

About Experian Data Breach Resolution

Experian[®] is a leader in the data breach resolution industry and one of the first companies to develop products and services that address this critical issue. As an innovator in the field, Experian has a long-standing history of providing swift and effective data breach resolution for thousands of organizations, having serviced millions of affected consumers. For more information on the Experian Data Breach Resolution division at ConsumerInfo.com, Inc. and how it enables organizations to plan for and successfully mitigate data breach incidents, visit <http://www.experian.com/databreach>.

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