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Alan Rodrigues joins Markel Global Insurance

Richmond, VA, December 2, 2015 — Markel Global Insurance, a division of Markel Corporation (NYSE: MKL), announced today that Alan Rodrigues has joined the Excess Liability team based in New York. Reporting to John Boylan, Chief Underwriting Officer, Excess Liability, Rodrigues will serve as Managing Director and assume responsibility for developing a middle-to-upper-middle market product. The appointment was effective November 30, 2015.

Boylan welcomed Rodrigues and said, "I have known Alan for years, and he has a great reputation in the marketplace. We are delighted that he has joined our team. He will be leading our excess liability expansion into the middle-to-upper-middle market segment, a segment presently underserved by Markel, where we see great opportunities to offer new solutions to an important customer base."

Rodrigues has more than 35 years of underwriting and management experience and has held positions with Axis Insurance, General Star Management Company, Safeco, and IRB. He is a member of both the California Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Britt Glisson, President of Markel Global Insurance, commented, "Alan is well known, well respected, and will be a great asset to our team in New York. His contacts, experience, and expertise will help us grow an already strong book of business and expand our product availability to new and strategic markets."

About Markel Global Insurance

Markel Global Insurance is dedicated to the specialized needs of sophisticated insureds and producers and provides excess liability, professional liability, marine, property, and practice group solutions.

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