FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* STRAHAN DORMAN LYNN							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KIRBY CORP [KEX]								all applic Directo	r 10%		on(s) to Issu 10% Ow Other (s	/ner
(Last) 116 CAP	(Fi	,		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/03/2004								X	Officer (give title Other (sp below) President - Marine Systems, In			·			
(Street)	•						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting				
(City)	(Si	ate)	(Zip)												Person				
		Tab	le I - No	on-Deri	vativ	e Sec	urit	ies Ac	quirec	l, Di	sposed o	f, or Be	nefic	cially	Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transacti Date (Month/Day						Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Acqu Disposed Of (D) (I						5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
							v	Amount	(A) or (D) Pric		•	Transact (Instr. 3	tion(s)			instr. 4)			
Common	2004	004			M		8,000	A	\$18	.0625	12,	,430		D					
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share 11/03/20						004 11/		/2004	S		8,000	D	\$4	43.95 4,		430		D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share														8		302			401(k) Plan
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																		
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	ive Conversion Date Execution Date, y or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any			4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n of I		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		S (I	. Price of Perivative ecurity nstr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactic (Instr. 4)	s Illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa	ble	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sha	ber					
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$18.0625	11/04/2004			M			8,000	02/10/20	03 ⁽¹⁾	02/10/2005	Common Stock	8,0	000	\$18.0625	125,90	18	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Original option exercisable 33% after one year, 67% after two years and 100% after three years from date of grant.

Remarks:

G. Stephen Holcomb, Agent and Attorney-in-Fact

11/05/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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