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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* RUNSER HOWARD G | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KIRBY CORP [KEX] | | | | | | | | | | all applicable) Director Officer (give title below) | | g Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below) resident | | |
|---|--|--|---|---|---|--|--------------------------------|------|--|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------|------|---|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 55 WAUGH DRIVE, SUITE 1000 | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/26/2006 | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | |
| (Street) HOUSTO | | | 77007 Zip) | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 5. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicatine) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | | | | | rson | | | |
| | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date | | | 2. Transac Date (Month/Da | Execution Date, | | on Date, | Transaction Code (Instr. | | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | | and 5) Secur Benef | | cially I Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) Prid | | Price | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | (1130.4) | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share | | | | 01/26/ | 01/26/2006 | | | | F | | 32 | | D | \$55 | .635 | | 2,403 | D | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 319 | | I | 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) | | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deem Execution if any (Month/D | n Date, | 4. Transaction Code (Instr 8) | | on of | | 6. Date Exercis Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea | | e | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) | | ı | Deriv Secu | ivative curity str. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code | | | Date Expir Exercisable Date | | Expiration Date | Title | or Nu of | nount mber ares | | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

G. Stephen Holcomb, Agent 01/30/2006 and Attorney-in-Fact

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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