

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 15

Certification and Notice of Termination of Registration under Section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Suspension of Duty to File Reports Under Sections 13 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Commission File Number: 1-7615

KIRBY CORPORATION (formerly Kirby Exploration Company, Inc.)
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

1775 St. James Place, Suite 300, Houston, Texas 77056-3453; (713) 629-9370
(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

7-1/4% Convertible Subordinated Debentures Due 2014
(Title of each class of securities covered by this Form)

Common Stock - \$0.10 Par Value Per Share
(Title of all other classes of securities for which a duty to file reports under section 13(a) or 15(d) remains)

Please place an X in the box(es) to designate the appropriate rule provision(s) relied upon to terminate or suspend the duty to file reports:

Rule 12g-4(a)(1)(i)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(ii)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rule 12g-4(a)(1)(ii)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rule 12h-3(b)(2)(i)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rule 12g-4(a)(2)(i)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rule 12h-3(b)(2)(ii)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rule 12g-4(a)(2)(ii)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rule 15d-6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(i)	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Approximate number of holders of record as of the certification or notice date:

None

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 KIRBY CORPORATION has caused this certification/notice to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned duly authorized person.

KIRBY CORPORATION

DATE: September 5, 1996

By: /s/ G. Stephen Holcomb

G. Stephen Holcomb
Vice President

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