

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>STRAHAN DORMAN LYNN</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>116 CAPITAL BOULEVARD</u>  (Street) <u>HOUMA LA 70360</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>KIRBY CORP [ KEX ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>President -Marine Systems, Inc</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/07/2012</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share	09/07/2012		S		4,781	D	\$57.5378 <sup>(1)</sup>	35,922	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share	09/10/2012		M		4,781	A	\$48	40,703	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share								2,243	I	401K 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)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$48	09/10/2012		M		4,781		02/08/2011	02/08/2013	Common Stock	4,781	\$48	0	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. The reported price is the weighted average sales price. The sales were at prices ranging from \$57.51 to \$57.57 per share. The reporting person will provide, upon request by the Commission staff, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

**Remarks:**

G. Stephen Holcomb, Agent and Attorney-in-Fact      09/11/2012  
 \*\* 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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