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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>LEMMON DAVID L</u> |   |  |   |         |                              | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KIRBY CORP [ KEX ] |            |      |                       |  |                  |  |               |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)    |   |  |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|---|---------|------------------------------|--|------------|------|-----------------------|--|------------------|--|---------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|
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| (Last) (First) (Middle) 1101 VENTURA HILLS STREET              |   |  |   |         |                              | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/26/2011    |            |      |                       |  |                  |  |               |  | Officer<br>below)  | (give title   |  | Other (s<br>below)   | specify  |  |
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|  |   | Tab  | le I - Nor  | n-Deriv | /ative                       | e Se   | curitie    | s Ac | quired,               | Disp   | osed o           | of, or Bo  | enefi         | cially                                   | Owned  | l   |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D       |   |  |   |         |                              | Execution Date   |            |      | Code (                | Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 Code (Instr. 5) |                  |  | ) or<br>4 and | and Securities Beneficially Owned Follow |  | Form<br>(D) o   | wnership<br>n: Direct<br>or Indirect<br>nstr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)        |  |  |
|  |   |  |   |         |                              |  |            |      |                       | v  | Amount           | (A) or<br>(D)  |               | rice                                     | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                             |   |  |  |  |  |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share 04/26                  |   |  |   |         |                              |  | /2011      |      |                       |  | 1,00             | 1,000 A  |               | \$0                                      | 6,   | 6,000   |  | D  |  |  |
|  |   | 7  | able II -   |         |                              |  |            |      | uired, D<br>s, option |  |                  |  |               |  | Owned  |   | ,  |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)            | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution I<br>if any<br>(Month/Day | Date,   | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |  | of         |      | Expiration            | 6. Date Exercisa<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Yea    |                  | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Secu<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |               | E  | 3. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)                        | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficial<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) | illy   | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|  |   |  |   |         | Code                         | v  | (A)        | (D)  | Date<br>Exercisabl    |  | xpiration<br>ate | Title  | or            | ount<br>mber<br>ares                     |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| Director<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to                       | \$56.45   | 04/26/2011                                 |   |         | A                            |  | 6,000      |      | 10/26/201             | L 04   | 4/26/2021        | Common<br>Stock  | 6,0           | 000                                      | \$56.45  | 6,000   |  | D  |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

 $1. \ Restricted \ Stock \ granted \ under \ the \ 2000 \ Nonemployee \ Director \ Stock \ Option \ plan \ for \ Kirby \ Corporation.$ 

## Remarks:

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

04/28/2011

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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

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