FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name ar		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KIRBY CORP [KEX]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)									
														X Directo	or		10% O	vner	
	ast) (First) (Middle) 5 WAUGH DRIVE UITE 1000						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/24/2012									Officer (give title Other (spec below) below)			
SUITE 1	.000				4. 1	f Amen	dment,	Date	of Orio	ginal Fi	iled (Month/D	ay/Year)	6	Individual or 3	Joint/0	Group Filing	g (Check Ap	plicable	
Street) HOUSTON TX 77007					_										Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)																
		Tab	le I -	Non-Deriv	vative	e Sec	uritie	s A	cquire	ed, D	isposed o	of, or B	eneficia	ally Owned	ŀ				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Ye						Execution Date			3. Transa Code (I 8)					Beneficially Owned Following		6. Owners Form: Dire (D) or Indi (I) (Instr. 4	ect Indire rect Benef Owne	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr.	
								Ì	Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 3 and 4			4)		
Common	Stock, par)12	2			A ⁽¹⁾		1,000	A	\$0.00	172,060		D						
Common										163,200		I	Trusts ⁽²⁾						
Common										34,227 I		I	Partnerships ⁽³⁾						
Common	Stock, par										10,111		I	401F	C Plan				
		7	able								sposed of , converti								
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execu	eemed ution Date, h/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (8)		of Deriva Securi Acquir (A) or Dispos of (D)	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		e Exer ation D h/Day/			of es ing ve Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	deriv Secu Bend Own Follo Repo	owing orted saction(s)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exerc	isable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares						
Director Stock Option (Right to	\$62.48	04/24/2012			A		6,000		10/24	1/2012	04/24/2022	Commo Stock	6,000	\$62.48		6,000	D		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Restricted Stock granted under the 2000 Nonemployee Director Stock Option Plan for Kirby Corporation.
- 2. These shares are owned by trusts for the benefit of members of Mr. Lawrence's family. Mr. Lawrence is not a beneficiary of the trusts, but under their terms, he has the right to acquire the property in the trusts, including the Kirby shares owned by the trusts, by substituting property of equal value.
- 3. The reported shares are held by Lawrence Family Interests, LP, a limited partnership of which entities wholly owned by Mr. Lawrence and his wife are the general partners and of which Mr. Lawrence's children and trusts for their benefit are the limited partners. Mr. Lawrence disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by the limited partnership except to the extent of his pecuniary interest in such shares

Remarks:

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

04/30/2012

** 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).
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