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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>SIMS JACK M</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 55 WAUGH DRIVE, SUITE 1000 (Street) HOUSTON TX 77007 (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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Vice President
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/08/2005</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	02/09/2005		M		4,500	A	\$16.3125	7,498	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share	02/09/2005		M		8,000	A	\$21.5313	15,498	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share	02/08/2005	02/09/2005	S		12,500	D	\$44.5	2,998	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share	02/09/2005		F		10	A	\$42.14	3,008	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share								1,852	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)	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)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$16.3125	02/09/2005		M		4,500	12/15/1999 ⁽¹⁾	12/15/2005	Common Stock	4,500	\$16.3125	45,500	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$21.5313	02/09/2005		M		8,000	01/15/2004 ⁽²⁾	01/15/2006	Common Stock	8,000	\$21.5313	37,500	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Original option was exercisable 25% after one year, 50% after two years, 75% after three years and 100% after four years from date of grant.
- 2. Original option was exercisable 33% after one year, 67% after two years and 100% after three years from date of grant.

Remarks:

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

02/09/2005

** 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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