

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): September 8, 2006

Kirby Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada

*(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or
organization)*

1-7615

(Commission File Number)

74-1884980

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

55 Waugh Drive, Suite 1000

Houston, Texas

(Address of principal executive offices)

77007

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(713) 435-1000

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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On September 8, 2006, Joseph H. Pyne, Kirby Corporation's President and Chief Executive Officer will present at the Morgan Keegan Equity Conference in Memphis, Tennessee. The presentation will be at 10:40 a.m. central time. A live audio webcast of the presentation will be available to the public and replays will be available afterward. The webcast can be accessed by visiting Kirby's Web site at <http://www.kirbycorp.com/>.

A copy of the slide presentation that will be used by Kirby, substantially in the form intended to be used, is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is also posted on Kirby's Web site at <http://www.kirbycorp.com/> on the opening page.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Kirby Corporation slide presentation dated September 2006

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

KIRBY CORPORATION
(Registrant)

By: /s/ G. Stephen Holcomb

 G. Stephen Holcomb
Vice President, Investor Relations

Dated: September 8, 2006

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit 99.1 Kirby Corporation slide presentation dated September 2006



Kirby Corporation

Putting America's Waterways to Work

NYSE: KEX



September 2006

Forward Looking Statement

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Statements contained in this presentation with respect to the future are forward-looking statements. These statements reflect management's reasonable judgement with respect to future events. Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated as a result of various factors, including cyclical or other downturns in demand, significant pricing competition, unanticipated additions to industry capacity, changes in the Jones Act or in U.S. maritime policy and practice, fuel costs, interest rates, weather conditions and the timing, magnitude and the number of acquisitions made by Kirby. Forward-looking statements are based on currently available information and Kirby assumes no obligation to update such statements. A list of additional risk factors can be found in Kirby's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Kirby reports its financial results in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). However, Kirby believes that certain Non-GAAP financial measures are useful in managing Kirby's businesses and evaluating Kirby's performance. This presentation contains two Non-GAAP financial measures, adjusted net earnings and EBITDA. Please see the Appendix for a reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP financial measures.



Kirby... Business Operations

Marine Transportation



86% of 2005 Revenue - \$686.0 million
Largest U.S. Inland Tank Barge Operator

Diesel Engine Services



14% of 2005 Revenue - \$109.7 million
Largest U.S. EMD Diesel Services Company



Kirby...Public Market Facts

NYSE: K E X

Current Price (September 1, 2006)	\$29.57
Number of Shares O/S	53.0M
Market Capitalization	\$1,567M
Debt (June 30, 2006)	\$285M
Enterprise Value	\$1,852M
Employees	2,900



Kirby Facts

- Largest inland tank barge operator
- Operates 897 barges and 240 towing vessels
- Sustainable competitive advantages:
 - Lowest cost due to economies of scale
 - Best positioned for growth opportunities
 - “One Stop Shop” for customers
- 70% of Kirby’s business is under contract and 30% in the spot market
- Successful integration of 25 marine acquisitions



Acquisitions in Core Business

Shipper Owned (Blue)
Independent (Red)

Date	No. of Tank Barges	Description
1986	5	Alliance Marine
1989	35	Alamo Inland Marine Co.
1989	53	Brent Towing Company
1991	3	International Barge Lines, Inc.
1992	38	Sabine Towing & Transportation Co.
1992	26	Ole Man River Towing, Inc.
1992	29	Scott Chotin, Inc.
1992	*	South Texas Towing
1993	72	TPT, Division of Ashland
1993	*	Guidry Enterprises
1993	53	Chotin Transportation Company
1994	96	Dow Chemical (transportation assets)

Date	No. of Tank Barges	Description
1999	270	Hollywood Marine, Inc. - Stellman - Alamo Barge Lines - Ellis Towing - Arthur Smith - Koch Ellis - Mapco
2002	15	Cargo Carriers
2002	64	Coastal Towing, Inc. (barge management agreement for 54 barges)
2002	94	Dow/Union Carbide (transportation assets)
2003	64	SeaRiver Maritime (ExxonMobil)
2005	10	American Commercial Lines (black oil fleet)
2006	*	Capital Towing



* Towboats Only

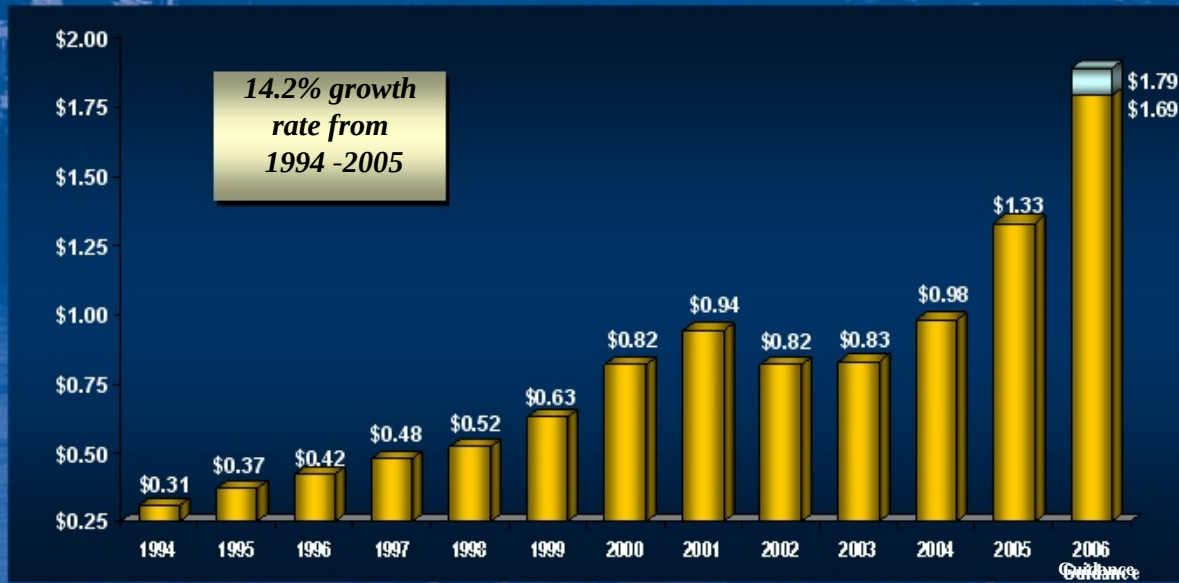
Revenue... Business Operations

Marine Transportation and Diesel Engine Services
Revenue From Continuing Operations



Earnings Per Share

Earnings Per Share From Continuing Operations Before Adjustments



1994-2001 adjusted to exclude goodwill amortization expense
2002 adjusted to exclude impairment charges of \$12.5 million, net of taxes, or \$.51 per share
See Appendix for reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP earnings per share
Earnings per share have been revised to reflect 2-for-1 stock split effective May 31, 2006



Inland Waterway System



Industry Facts

- Approximately 17,800 dry cargo barges, 2,800 liquid tank barges. Kirby is principally in the liquid cargo business.
- No competition from foreign companies due to a U.S. law known as the Jones Act
- Always a market to move product by barge on inland waterways
- Equipment not subject to economic obsolescence because draft and lock restrictions limit the size of barges
- Barges are mobile, carry wide range of cargoes, and service different geographic markets
- Inland waterway system plays a vital role in the U.S. economy
- Inland waterway system is an environmentally friendly mode of transportation



Differences Between Liquid Tank Barges and Dry Cargo Barges

2,800 Barges



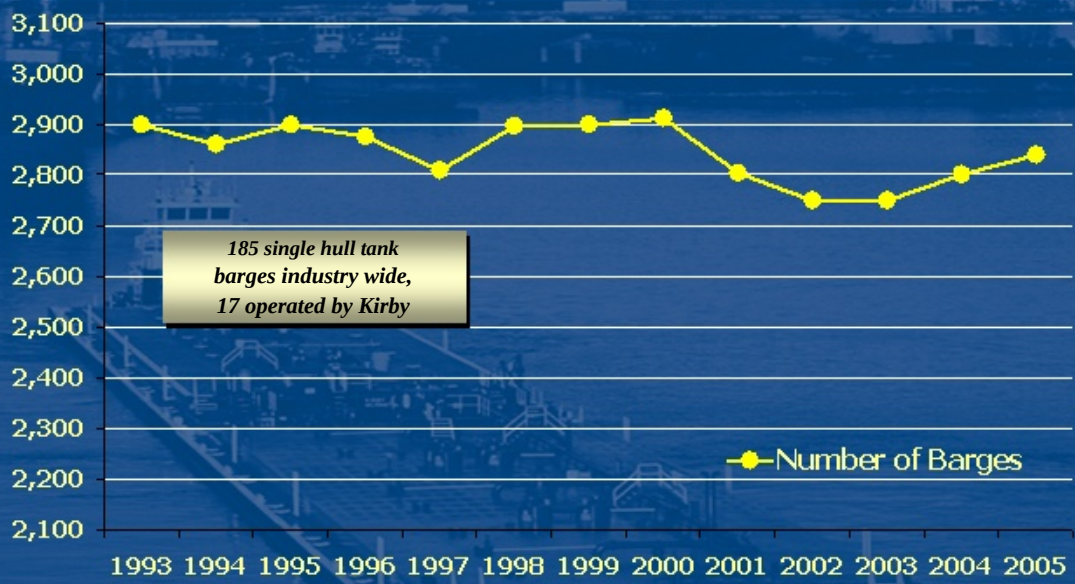
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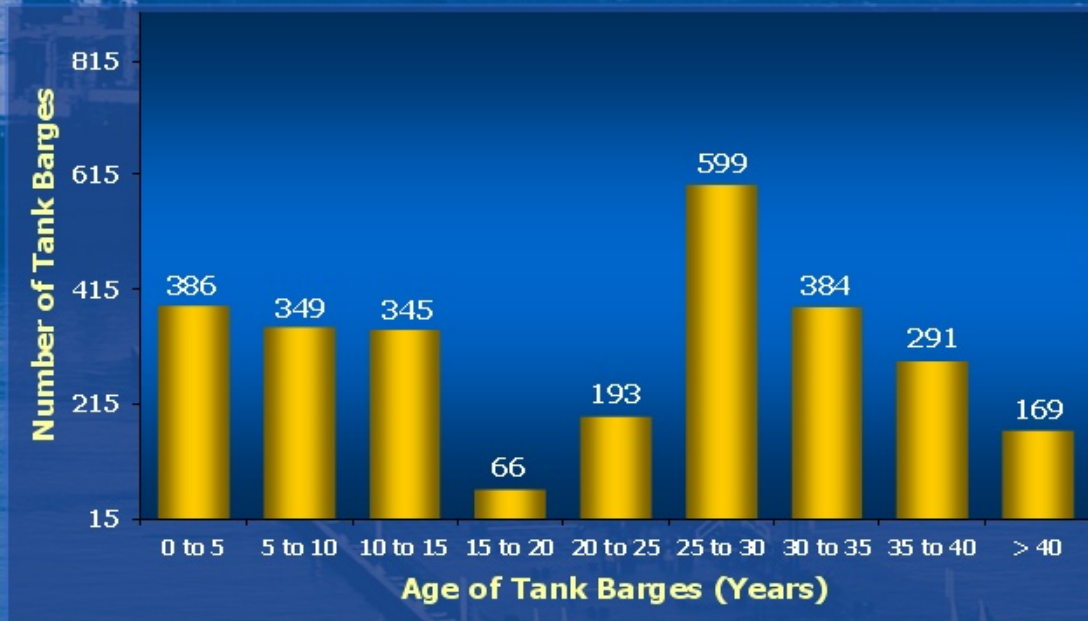
	Liquid	Dry Cargo
Cargoes	Petrochemicals, Black oil products, Refined products	Grain, Coal, Aggregate, Steel
Value of Cargo	High	Generally much lower
Pricing Drivers	Added value-safety, service and availability	Availability
Volatility of Volumes	Low	High
Crews	Licensed Pilothouse, Licensed Tankerman	Pilot house only
Cost of Barges	195x35/1500 tons barge - \$1,300,000	195x35/1500 tons barge - \$450,000
Regulatory Requirements	U.S. Coast Guard Inspected	Not Inspected

Number of Inland Tank Barges

For the years 1993 through 2005



Inland Tank Barge Fleet



Source: Informa Economics, Barge Fleet Profile, March 2006



Barges Compete Successfully

With Rails and Trucks



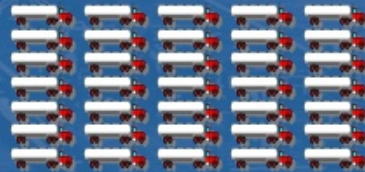
90,000 bbl. three-barge tow is equivalent to:

120



Rail Cars

450



Trucks

*Kirby's fleet capacity of 16.7 million bbl. equates to **83,500** trucks, or **22,200** rail cars*



Barges...

Efficient



One gallon of fuel in a barge can move one ton of freight 522 miles, compared to 403 miles by rail and only 80 miles for a truck.

Barges...

Environmentally Friendly

- Smog is a major problem in most major cities
- Oxides of nitrogen are the chemicals that produce smog

While moving one ton of freight 1,000 miles:



Trains produce *3.5 times* more nitrogen oxides as barges



Trucks produce *19 times* more nitrogen oxides as barges





KIRBY INLAND MARINE



Largest Inland Tank Barge Operator

Petrochemicals – 68%



- Benzene
- Styrene
- Methanol
- Acrylonitrile
- Xylene
- Caustic soda
- Butadiene
- Propylene

Refined Products – 9%



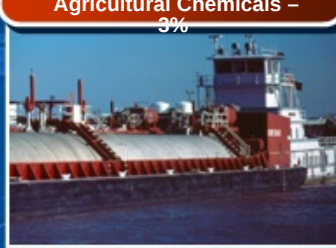
- Gasoline
- Jet fuel
- Diesel fuel
- Naphtha

Black Oil Products – 20%



- Residual fuel
- No. 6 fuel oil
- Coker feed
- Vacuum gas
- Asphalt

Agricultural Chemicals – 3%

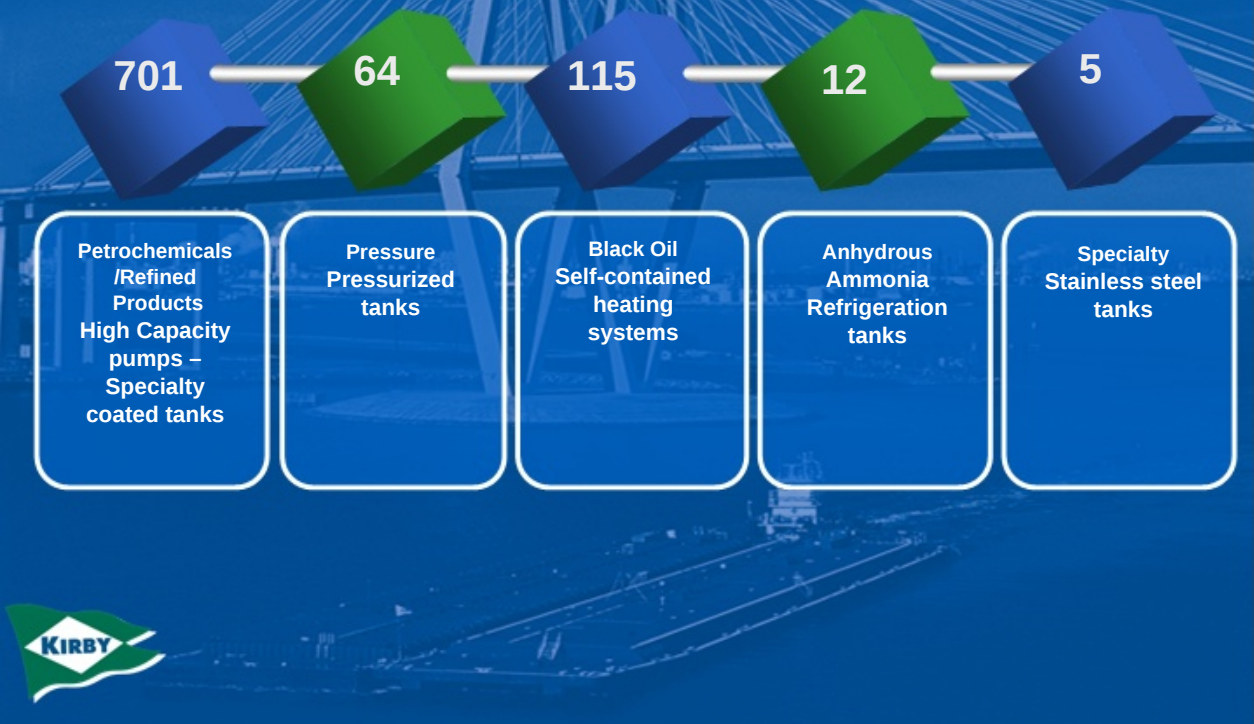


- Anhydrous ammonia
- Nitrogen-based liquid fertilizer
- Industrial ammonia



High Tech and Diverse Fleet

897 Active Tank Barges



Fleet Size and Diversity...

Better Asset Utilization

- **Better Asset Utilization**
 - More backhaul opportunities
 - Faster barge turnarounds
 - More efficient use of horsepower
 - Barges positioned closer to cargos
- **Lower Incremental Costs**
 - Enhanced purchasing power
 - Minimal incremental G&A from fleet additions
 - Less cleaning due to more barges with compatible prior cargos



Kirby Outpaces the Competition

Tank Barge Owners By Number of Tank Barges

Shipper Owned Independent	Tank Barges Operated	Dry Cargo Barges Operated	Shipper Owned Independent	Tank Barges Operated	Dry Cargo Barges Operated
Kirby Corporation	897	-	Dynegy Midstream Services	16	-
American Commercial Lines LLC	371	2,803	Dupont	16	-
Marathon Oil Corporation	170	-	Waxler Towing Company, Inc.	15	-
Canal Barge Company, Inc.	169	273	Horizon Maritime	15	-
Ingram Barge Company	165	3,716	Highland Towing	13	-
Florida Marine	91	-	Devall Towing	12	-
Blessey Enterprises	86	-	Chem Carriers, Inc.	12	-
American River Transportation Co	82	2,076	Plaquemine Towing Corp.	11	-
Higman Barge Lines, Inc.	80	-	Golding Barge Lines, Inc.	9	-
Cenac Towing Company, Inc.	72	-	Grifco	8	-
PPG Industries, Inc.	59	-	Westlake/GA&O Corporation	8	-
Southern Towing Company	53	-	Merichem Company	7	-
Martin Midstream Partners	52	-	Apex Towing	7	-
Settoon Towing, LLC	49	-	Republic of Texas	6	-
Magnolia Marine Transport Co	45	-	Hines Barge Line	6	-
LeBeouf Brothers Towing Co	44	-	American Milling	5	11
Olin Corporation	29	-	Mon River Towing, Inc.	4	142
John W. Stone Oil	28	-	Reilly Industries	4	-
Buffalo Marine Service, Inc.	24	-	Memphis Barge Lines	4	-
Rhodia, Inc.	20	-	Barge Management, Inc.	3	-
ConocoPhillips Company	20	-	Cytec Industries	2	-
River City Towing Services	19	-	Jantran, Inc.	1	-
Houston Marine Services, Inc.	18	-	Other dry cargo carriers	-	8,768
Lyondell Chemical Company	17	-	TOTAL	2,844	17,789

Informa Economics, Barge Fleet Profile, March 2006 - Adjusted

End Uses of Products...

Demand Drivers

Revenue Distribution	Products Moved	Products	Drivers
68%	Petrochemicals and Chemicals	Benzene, Styrene, Methanol, Acrylonitrile, Xylene, Caustic Soda, Butadiene, Propylene	Housing, Consumer Goods, Autos, Clothing
20%	Black Oil Products	Residual Fuel, No. 6 Fuel Oil, Coker Feedstock, Vacuum Gas Oil, Asphalt	Road Construction, Feed Stock for Refineries and Fuel for Power Plants and Ships
9%	Refined Products	Gasoline, Jet Fuel, Diesel Fuel, Naphtha	Vehicle Usage, Air Travel, Weather
3%	Agricultural Chemicals	Anhydrous Ammonia, Nitrogen-based Liquid Fertilizer, Industrial Ammonia	Corn, Cotton and Wheat Production



Strong Emphasis on Safety...

Safety Is Our Franchise To Operate



- Committed to dedicating adequate resources to achieve safety objectives
 - Extensive company-owned and operated training facility
 - Seamen's Church Institute (Towboat Simulator)
- Industry leader
 - First winner of Benkert Award, highest award given by Department of Transportation for safety and environmental protection



Blue Chip Customers





Medium-Speed Diesel Engine Services Market



- **Marine (60%)**
 - Inland River Carriers – Dry and Liquid
 - Offshore Towing – Dry and Liquid
 - Offshore Oilfield Services – Drilling Rigs & Supply Boats
 - Harbor Towing
 - Dredging
 - Great Lakes Ore Carriers
- **Power Generation, Nuclear and Industrial (25%)**
 - Standby Power Generation
 - Pumping Stations
 - Industrial Reduction Gears
- **Railroad (15%)**
 - Passenger (Transit Systems)
 - Class II
 - Shortline and Industrial

Expansion into High-Speed Diesel Engine Services Market

- **Acquisition of Global Power Holding Company and Marine Engine Specialists**
- **High-Speed Diesel Engine Services Market Focus**
 - Offshore oil services companies
 - Oil and gas drilling companies
 - Inland waterway carriers
 - Land drilling – expansion opportunity
 - Offshore towing companies
- **Full Service Marine Dealerships for**
 - Caterpillar
 - Allison transmissions
 - Cummins
 - Twin-Disc transmissions
 - Detroit Diesel
 - Gardner Denver pumps
 - John Deere
- **High-Speed Diesel Engine Services Market**
 - Main propulsion for 75% of U.S. flag commercial vessels
 - Power for generators and pumps



Services

Replacement Parts

- Genuine OEM new parts
- Kirby remanufactured parts
- Nuclear dedication services

Engine Repair

- Overhauls
- Component repair
- Block welding
- Line boring
- Remanufacture engines
- Troubleshooting

Reduction Gear Repair

- Bearing and element replacement
- Case welding and machining
- Line boring
- Alignment



Acquisitions and Internal Growth

Acquisitions		Internal Growth	
1987	National Marine	1989	Midwest
1991	Ewing Diesel	1992	Seattle
1995	Percle Enterprises	1993	Shortline & Industrial Rails
1996	MKW Power Systems	2000	Cooper Nuclear
1997	Crowley (Power Assembly Shop)	2001	Transit & Class II Rails
2000	West Kentucky Machine Shop		
2000	Powerway		
2004	Walker Paducah Corp.		
2005	TECO (Diesel Services Division)		
2006	Global Power Holding Company		
2006	Marine Engine Specialists		



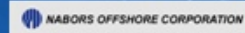
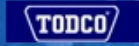
Key Customers

Medium – Speed Engines

AMTRAK
AEP/Memco
Diamond Offshore
Florida Power & Light
Moran Towing
NJ Transit
TECO Transport
Tidewater
TODCO

High-Speed Engines

Cal Dive International
Halliburton
Horizon Offshore
Nabors Offshore
Pride Offshore
Schlumberger
Seacor Holdings
Superior Energy Services
Tidewater



Market Conditions



Market Conditions

2005 Year

- Record revenues, net earnings, earnings per share and EBITDA
- Petrochemical and black oil products markets remained strong
- Winter weather conditions in January and February. Favorable conditions in March, second quarter and fourth quarter
- Hurricanes Katrina and Rita negatively impacted the third quarter by an estimated \$.05 per share
- Contract rates up 4% to 6%. Spot market rates higher than contract and up 20% to 25% over 2004
- Diesel engine services – strong service and direct parts sales, coupled with increased prices for both service and parts



Market Conditions

2006 First Six Months

- Record revenues, net earnings, earnings per share and EBITDA
- Petrochemical and black oil products markets remained strong
- Favorable weather conditions positively impacted financial results, with delay days down 24% when compared with 2005 first six months
- Contract rates up 5% to 7%. Spot market rates higher than contract and up over 25% compared with 2005 first six months
- Diesel engine services – strong service and direct parts sales in the majority of its markets



2006 Third Quarter and Year Outlook

- 2006 third quarter earnings per share guidance of \$.42 to \$.47, compared with \$.34 for 2005 third quarter, which included an estimated \$.05 per share negative impact for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita
- Guidance based on:
 - Marine transportation operating fundamentals remain strong
 - Diesel engine services operating fundamentals remain strong, with some seasonal summer slowdown anticipated
- 2006 year earnings per share guidance of \$1.69 to \$1.79, compared with \$1.33 for 2005. Guidance includes \$.02 to \$.04 per share from Global acquisition



Future Growth Opportunities

- **Acquire inland tank barge operations**
 - Kirby operates more efficiently due to size and distribution system
 - Competitors face fleet replacement decisions
 - Outsourcing by shippers provides growth opportunities
 - Customers seek to single source their requirements
- **Expand services related to marine operations**
 - Purchased two-thirds interest in Osprey Line, a provider of container on barge feeder service
 - Purchased remaining 65% interest in four offshore dry-bulk barge/tug units in March 2006
 - Manage or acquire marine facilities
- **Expand diesel engine service operations**
 - Purchased Global Power Holding Company and Marine Engine Specialists, Gulf Coast high-speed diesel engine services providers
 - Existing geographic foot print presents opportunities for expansion
 - Continue to develop exclusive parts distribution relationships



Osprey Line, LLC

- Purchased one-third interest in April 2004
- Increased ownership to two-thirds in January 2006
- Transports containers on barge on U.S. inland waterway system and Gulf of Mexico
- Future growth opportunity as U.S. contends with congestion problems
- Provides attractive alternative to rail and truck
- Very complementary to Kirby's existing distribution system and customer base



Financial Highlights



For Year Ended December 31, 2005

Income Statement	2005	2004	Change From 2004	
			\$	%
Revenues:				
Marine Transportation	\$686.0M	\$588.8M	\$97.2M	17%
Diesel Engine Services	<u>109.7</u>	<u>86.5</u>	<u>23.2</u>	<u>27%</u>
Total	<u>\$795.7</u>	<u>\$675.3</u>	<u>\$120.4</u>	<u>18%</u>
Operating Income:				
Marine Transportation	\$119.3	\$ 92.5	\$ 26.8	29%
Diesel Engine Services	12.9	8.4	4.5	54%
Corporate Expenses	<u>(10.0)</u>	<u>(7.6)</u>	<u>(2.4)</u>	<u>(32)%</u>
	122.2	93.3	28.9	31%
Other Income (Expense)	1.7	(.1)	1.8	1800%
Interest Expense	<u>(12.8)</u>	<u>(13.3)</u>	<u>.5</u>	<u>4%</u>
Pre-tax Earnings	111.1	79.9	31.2	39%
Taxes	<u>(42.3)</u>	<u>(30.4)</u>	<u>(11.9)</u>	<u>(39)%</u>
Net Earnings	<u>\$ 68.8</u>	<u>\$ 49.5</u>	<u>\$ 19.3</u>	<u>39%</u>
Earnings Per Share	\$ 1.33	\$.98	\$.35	36%



For First Six Months Ended June 30, 2006

Income Statement	2006	2005	Change From 2005	
			\$	%
Revenues:				
Marine Transportation	\$393.5M	\$328.0M	\$ 65.5M	20%
Diesel Engine Services	<u>74.7</u>	<u>55.7</u>	<u>19.0</u>	<u>34%</u>
Total	<u>\$468.2</u>	<u>\$383.7</u>	<u>\$ 84.5</u>	<u>22%</u>
Operating Income:				
Marine Transportation	\$ 72.9	\$ 54.6	\$ 18.3	34%
Diesel Engine Services	11.6	6.9	4.7	68%
Corporate Expenses	<u>(5.8)</u>	<u>(4.2)</u>	<u>(1.6)</u>	<u>(38)%</u>
	78.7	57.3	21.4	37%
Other Income	1.5	.2	1.3	650%
Interest Expense	<u>(6.0)</u>	<u>(6.3)</u>	<u>.3</u>	<u>5%</u>
Pre-tax Earnings	74.2	51.2	23.0	45%
Taxes	<u>(28.3)</u>	<u>(19.5)</u>	<u>(8.8)</u>	<u>(45)%</u>
Net Earnings	<u>\$ 45.9</u>	<u>\$ 31.7</u>	<u>\$ 14.2</u>	<u>45%</u>
Earnings Per Share	\$.86	\$.62	\$.24	39%



Operating Margins



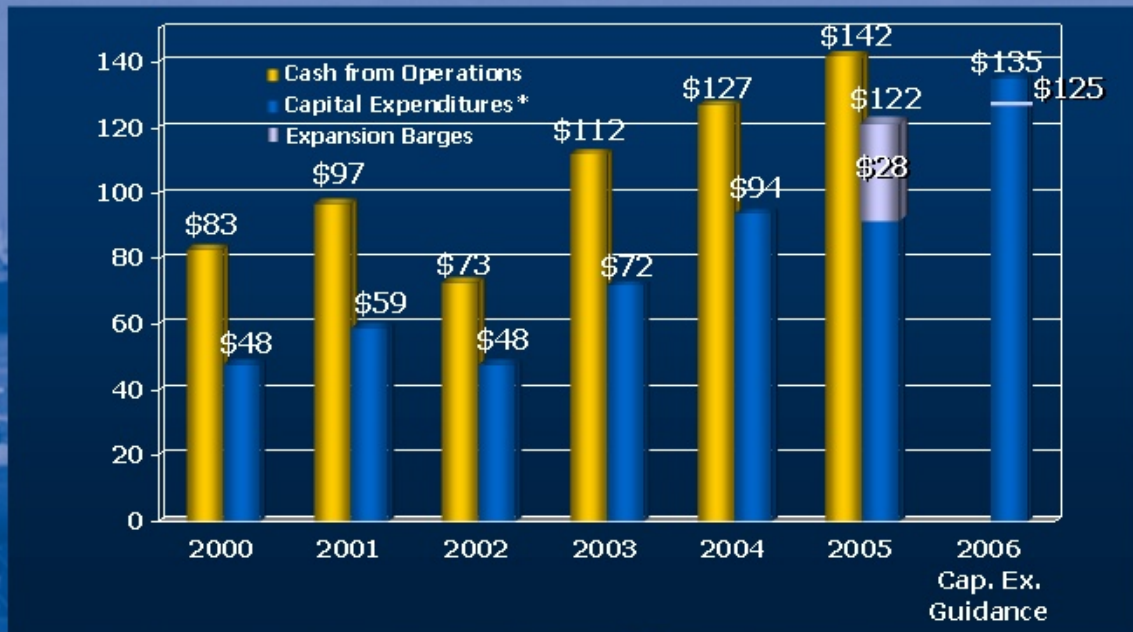
EBITDA Per Share Growth



See Appendix for reconciliation of GAAP net earnings to Non-GAAP EBITDA



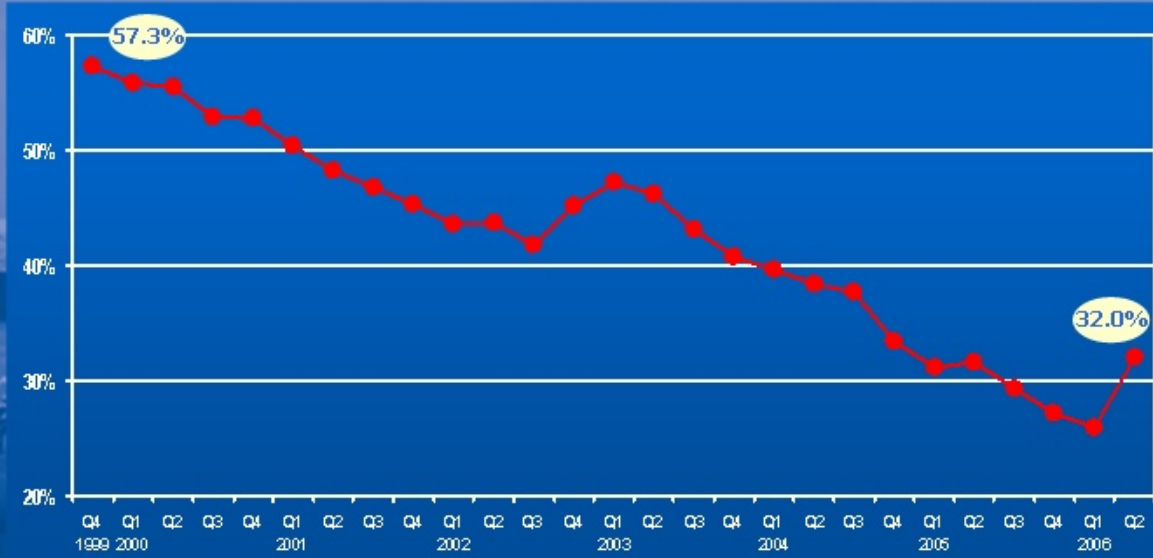
Cash Flows



* Excluding acquisitions



Debt / Capitalization



Balance Sheet

	06/30/06	12/31/05	Change
Assets			
Current Assets	\$ 237M	\$ 186M	\$ 51M
Property & Equipment	704	642	62
Goodwill	221	161	60
Other Assets	<u>46</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>9</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$1,208M</u>	<u>\$1,026M</u>	<u>\$182M</u>
Liabilities & Equity			
Current Liabilities	\$ 155M	\$ 140M	\$ 15M
Total Debt	285	200	85
Other Liabilities	162	148	14
Stockholders' Equity	<u>606</u>	<u>538</u>	<u>68</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>\$1,208M</u>	<u>\$1,026M</u>	<u>\$182M</u>
Debt to Capitalization	32.0%	27.1%	



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Financial Strength

- **Investment grade public debt**
 - Standard & Poor's – BBB+
 - Moody's – Baa3
- **8-year unsecured Private Placement due 2013**
 - \$200 million outstanding
 - Floating rate of LIBOR +0.5%
 - No required principal payments until maturity
- **\$250 Million Revolving Credit Facility**
 - Accordion feature allows maximum amount to increase to \$325 million without amendment
- **Protection against interest rate increases**
 - \$150 million of interest rate swaps



Why Invest In Kirby?



Why Invest in Kirby?

- **Consistent long-term record of success in our two core businesses**
- **Excellent business fundamentals**
- **Strong free cash flow for growth**
- **Internal and external growth opportunities in core businesses**
- **Strong operating leverage with every 1% increase in marine transportation segment margin adds \$.08 per share to earnings; for diesel segment, adds \$.02 per share to earnings**
- **Fleet expansions will improve asset utilization, operating efficiencies and reduce costs**





Kirby Corporation
*Putting America's
Waterways to Work*



Thank You For Listening to Our Story

