FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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	d Address of		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KIRBY CORP [ KEX ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)									
LAWK		[ ]								X Director			10	% Owner						
(Last)	Last) (First) (Middle)							Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)							X Officer (give title below)			ner (specify low)		
55 WAUGH DRIVE						08/03/2009								Chairman of the Board						
SUITE 1000																				
							If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable					
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		Tabl	el-	Non-Deriv	ative	Sec	uritie	s Ad	quir	ed, [	Disposed o	of, or E	Benefici	ally Own	ed					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Yea						2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		е,	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and			Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)			
Common	09				S		140,000	D	\$38.202	2 785,	313	I	)							
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share														234,	227		I	Partnership <sup>(1)</sup>		
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share						3'		370,	370,000		I	Trusts <sup>(2)</sup>								
Common										9,116			I	401K Plan						
		Та	ble								sposed of, , convertib				I					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		Execution Date, if any		4. Transa Code 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Expiration (Month/Day			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numi derivati Securit Benefic Owned Followi Reporte Transac (Instr. 4	ve ies ially ng ed ction(s)	10. Ownersi Form: Direct (E or Indire (I) (Instr.	Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4)		
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date	e rcisabl	Expiration e Date	Title	of Shares							

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. 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
- 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.

## Remarks:

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

08/04/2009

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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