FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Castro Renato A</u>					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KIRBY CORP [ KEX ]								(Check all app		olicable)		Issuer Owner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 55 WAUGH DRIVE, SUITE 1000					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/23/2012								X	belo				
(Street) HOUST(			77007 Zip)		4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indiv Line) X				
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																	
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transacti Date (Month/Day/					Execution Date,				es Acquired (A) or Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 an		nd 5) Securiti Benefic		ities icially d Following	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		Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)		(11341. 4)	
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share 02/23/20					2012	)12		S		1,309	D	\$68	.0815		3,891	D		
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share															599	I	401K 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)	if any	on Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercis Expiration Date (Month/Day/Ye		ite	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		Deri Sec (Inst		derivative Securities	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	sable	Expiration Date	Title	or Number of Shares					

**Explanation of Responses:** 

Remarks:

G. Stephen Holcomb, Agent and Attorney-in-Fact 02/23/2012

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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