FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name an NOLEN	3. D	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KIRBY CORP [KEX] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/10/2006									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Executive Vice President			Owner (specify)					
SUITE 1000 (Street) HOUSTON, TX X1 77007 (City) (State) (Zip)						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. Transaction Date (Month/Day/						Execution Date,		Date,	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Disposed Of					Secur Benef	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)	Pric)	Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)		(111511.4)				
Common	Stock, par	2006	006		S		20,000	D	\$80	.5449		17,423	D						
Common	Stock, par											1,195	I	401(k) Stock					
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)	ative Conversion Date Execution Date, or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any				4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr	rative rities ired r osed)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. : and 4)		Deri Sec (Ins	rice of ivative urity tr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	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	Amour or Number of Shares	r					

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

<u>G. Stephen Holcomb, Agent</u> <u>and Attorney-in-Fact</u>

05/11/2006

** 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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