

CURRENT REPORT

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

DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED): MAY 12, 2005

KIRBY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEVADA

1-7615

74-1884980

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

(Commission File Number)

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

55 WAUGH DRIVE, SUITE 1000
HOUSTON, TEXAS

77007
(Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE:
(713) 435-1000

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to
simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the
following provisions:

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240.14a-12)

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Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange
Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On May 19, 2005, Kirby Corporation's senior management will make a
presentation to investors and analysts from 2:00 p.m. (Eastern time) until
approximately 5:20 p.m. (Eastern time) in New York City. A live 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/> or by following the link below and selecting the

streaming audio option:

<http://invite.mshow.com/findshow.aspx?usertype=0&cobrand=100&shownumber=235>

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Reference: Kirby Corporation Analyst Day, show number 235506

Copies of materials prepared by Kirby for the presentation will be
available on May 19, 2005 on Kirby's Web site and in a Form 8-K to be filed by
Kirby with the Securities and Exchange Commission on that date.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated May 12, 2005

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/ NORMAN W. NOLEN

Norman W. Nolen
Executive Vice President, Treasurer
and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: May 12, 2005

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated May 12, 2005

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KIRBY CORPORATION

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

KIRBY CORPORATION TO HOST INVESTOR AND ANALYST
MEETING ON THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2005

HOUSTON, TEXAS (MAY 12, 2005) - Kirby Corporation ("Kirby") (NYSE:KEX) will host an Investor and Analyst Meeting in New York City on Thursday, May 19, 2005. Kirby's senior management will make a presentation to investors and analysts from 2:00 p.m. (Eastern time) until approximately 5:20 p.m. (Eastern time). A live webcast of the presentation will be available to the public and replays will be available after the meeting. The webcast can be accessed by visiting Kirby's Web site at <http://www.kirbycorp.com/> or by following the link below and

selecting the streaming audio option:

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Reference: Kirby Corporation Analyst Day, show number 235506

The meeting will also include presentations by the Waterway Council, Inc. on the United States inland waterway system infrastructure, by Chemical Market Associates, Inc. on the outlook for the petrochemical industry and by Purvin & Gertz, Inc. on the refined petroleum products market.

Kirby Corporation, based in Houston, Texas, operates inland tank barges and towing vessels transporting petrochemicals, black oil products, refined petroleum products and agricultural chemicals throughout the United States inland waterway system. Through its diesel engine services segment, Kirby provides after-market service for large medium-speed and high-speed diesel engines and reduction gears used in marine, power generation and railroad applications.

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