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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A	Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KIRBY CORP [KEX]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First) (N	Middle) 3. Date	of Earliest T	ransaction			(Check all applicable)		
55 WAUGI	(Month	(Month/Day/Year) 05/09/2006				Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
	Amendment, Date Original (Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Penesting				
HOUSTON	I, TX, X1 77007						Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta	ble I - Non-l	Derivative	Secui	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Secur on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	4 and (A) or	ed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Stock, par value \$.10 per share	05/09/2006		M	1,000	A	\$ 27.13	3,403	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share	05/09/2006		S	1,000	D	\$ 80	2,403	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share							682	I	401(k) Plan

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3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

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6. Date Exercisable and

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7. Title and Amount of

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction Derivative		Expiration Date		Underlying Securities		
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	_		(Instr. 3 and	Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Shares	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.13	05/09/2006		M	1,000	01/28/2005(1)	01/28/2007	Common Stock	1,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
DRAGG RONALD A 55 WAUGH DRIVE SUITE 1000			Controller				

Signatures

1. Title of

G. Stephen Holcomb, Agent and

HOUSTON, TX, X1 77007

Attorney-in-Fact 05/11/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Original option exercisable 33% after one year, 67% after two years and 100% after three years from date of grant.

Remarks:

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An option of Mr. Dragg's was exercised on May 9, 2006 for 1,000 shares and, of the exercise, 1,000 shares were registered in Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.