

KIRBY CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 13, 2009

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): October 12, 2009

Kirby Corporation  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	1-7615 (Commission File Number)	74-1884980 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
55 Waugh Drive, Suite 1000 Houston, Texas (Address of principal executive offices)		77007 (Zip Code)

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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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On October 12, 2009, Kirby Corporation ("Kirby") announced that C. Berdon Lawrence, Kirby's Chairman of the Board, would retire as Chairman effective April 27, 2010, the date of Kirby's 2010 Annual Stockholders and Board of Directors Meetings. Mr. Lawrence has served as Chairman of Kirby since October 1999. A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Lawrence's retirement is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated October 12, 2009

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: October 13, 2009

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated October 12, 2009

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