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(Print or Type R	esponses)										
			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KIRBY CORP [KEX]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				(Chec	k an applicable	=)		
(M				(Month/Day/Year) 01/24/2012				X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Chairman and CEO			
	(Street)			ndment, Dat th/Day/Year)	-	l		6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by 0			
HOUSTON,	TX 77007							Form filed by M Person	Iore than One Re	eporting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative	Secur	ities Aco	quired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	lly Owned	
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Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share	01/24/2012			F	8,756		\$ 67.5	407,682	D		
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share								5,183 <u>(1)</u>	I	401(k) Plan	

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

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

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
PYNE J H 55 WAUGH DRIVE SUITE 1000 HOUSTON, TX 77007	X		Chairman and CEO				
Signatures							
G. Stephen Holcomb, Agent an Attorney-in-Fact	d		01/25/2012				
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Pers	son		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) Share balance adjusted by 12 shares during 2011 pursuant to the Kirby Corporation 401(k) Plan. The information reported herein is based on a plan statement dated December 31, 2011.

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