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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

Stock, par

value \$.10 per share Common Stock, par

value \$.10 per share

05/07/2008

05/06/2008

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

may continue.

See Instruction

SIMS JACK M	Symbol KIRBY CORP [KEX]	Issuer (Check all applicable)
(Last) (First) (Middle 55 WAUGH DRIVE, SUITE 100	(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below)
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
HOUSTON, TX 77007		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 3) any	cution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share	M 5,000 A \$ 20.89	20,742 D

M

S

3.332 A

8,332

D

\$ 58

24,074

15,742

D

D

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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)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Secu Acqu (A) o Dispo	rities nired or osed of r. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.89	05/07/2008		M		5,000	01/24/2008	01/24/2010	Common Stock	5,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.69	05/07/2008		M		3,332	01/23/2008(1)	01/23/2011	Common Stock	3,332

Relationships

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			_	
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SIMS JACK M 55 WAUGH DRIVE, SUITE 1000 HOUSTON, TX 77007			Vice President	
Signatures				
G. Stephen Holcomb, Agent and Attorney-in-Fact		05/08/	2008	
**Signature of Reporting Person		Da	te	

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- * 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) Option is exercisable 33% after one year, 67% after two years and 100% after three years from date of grant.

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