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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>LAWRENCE CHARLES BERDON</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 55 WAUGH DRIVE SUITE 1000  (Street) HOUSTON TX 77007  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>KIRBY CORP [ KEX ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chairman of the Board</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/10/2008</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share	12/10/2008		P		90,000	A	\$25.8412 <sup>(1)</sup>	90,000	I	Trusts <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share	12/11/2008		S		280,000	D	\$25	234,227	I	Partnership <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share	12/11/2008		P		280,000	A	\$25	370,000	I	Trusts <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share								886,177	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share								8,580	I	401K Plan

**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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The reported price is the weighted average purchase price. The purchases were made at prices ranging from \$25.65 to \$26.0575 per share. The reporting person will provide, upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer or a stockholder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price.
- These shares are owned by trusts for the benefit of members of Mr. Lawrence's family. Mr. Lawrence is not a beneficiary of the trusts, but under their terms, he has the right to acquire the property in the trusts, including the Kirby shares owned by the trusts, by substituting property of equal value.
- These shares are owned by Lawrence Family Interests, LP, a limited partnership of which entities wholly owned by Mr. Lawrence and his wife are the general partners, and of which Mr. Lawrence's children and trusts for their benefit are the limited partners.

**Remarks:**

G. Stephen Holcomb, Agent and Attorney-in-Fact 12/12/2008

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* 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).

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