

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Expires: January 31, 2005

[] Check box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See instructions 1(b). Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Estimated average burden hours per response: . . . 0.5

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Peterkin, Jr., George A.			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Kirby Corporation (KEX)			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)			4. Statement for Month/Day/Year 04/22/2003			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		
5005 Woodway, Suite 200									5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)		
(Street)											
Houston, TX 77056											
(City) (State) (Zip)			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 Transactions (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								215976	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share								85135	I	(1)
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share								4000	I	(2)

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 Instructions 4(b)(v).

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FORM 4 (continued) 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 Underlying Securities (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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	25.385	04/22/2003		A		3000		10/22/2003	04/22/2013	Common Stock	3000	25.385	14585	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The shares are owned by 14 trusts of which Mr. Peterkin is the trustee and the beneficiaries are seven of his grandchildren, one grandnephew, two grandnieces and two of the grandchildren of his wife, Nancy G. Peterkin.
- (2) Shares owned beneficially and of record by Mr. Peterkin's wife, Nancy G. Peterkin, of which Mr. Peterkin disclaims any beneficial ownership.

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

/s/ George A. Peterkin, Jr.

04/24/2003

**Signature of Reporting Person
By: G. Stephen Holcomb, Agent and Attorney-in-Fact

Date

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If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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