

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
 SECURITIES 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(f) of the Investment
 Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Johnson Walter E. ----- (Last) (First) (Middle) 4400 Post Oak Parkway, 4th Floor ----- (Street) Houston Texas 77027 ----- (City) (State) (ZIP)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Yr) 07/17/01 -----	3. IRS or Soc.Sec.No. of Reporting Person (Voluntary)	4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Kirby Corporation (KEX) -----
5. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner ----- <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other ----- (give title below)(specify below) -----	6. If Amendment, Date of Original ----- (Month/Day/Year)	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> --- Form filed by one Reporting Person --- Form filed by more than one Reporting Person*	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.
 (Print or Type Responses)

* If the Form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction 5(b)(v)

