

LAWRENCE CHARLES BERDON  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 LAWRENCE CHARLES BERDON

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)  
 55 WAUGH DRIVE, SUITE 1000

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/10/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

Chairman of the Board

(Street)  
 HOUSTON, TX 77007

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of 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 (1)	90,000	I	Trusts (2)
Common Stock, par value \$ .10 per share	12/11/2008		S		280,000	D	\$ 25	234,227	I	Partnership (3)
Common Stock, par value \$ .10 per share	12/11/2008		P		280,000	A	\$ 25	370,000	I	Trusts (2)

value  
\$.10 per  
share

Common  
Stock, par  
value  
\$.10 per  
share

886,177 D

Common  
Stock, par  
value  
\$.10 per  
share

8,580 I 401K 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)

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 (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LAWRENCE CHARLES BERDON 55 WAUGH DRIVE SUITE 1000 HOUSTON, TX 77007	X		Chairman of the Board	

## Signatures

G. Stephen Holcomb, Agent and  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/12/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

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).

The reported price is the weighted average purchase price. The purchases were made at prices ranging from \$25.65 to \$26.0575 per share.

(1) 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

(2) 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.

(3) 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.

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