VALERIUS STEVEN P

Form 4

February 03, 2009

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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may continue. See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * VALERIUS STEVEN P			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KIRBY CORP [KEX]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) 55 WAUGI	(First) H DRIVE, SUI'	(Middle) TE 1000	3. Date of (Month/E) 01/30/2	-	ransaction			DirectorX Officer (1	10% Owner Other (specify
(Street) HOUSTON, TX 77007			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 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	Derivative	Securit	ties A	cquired, Dispose	d of, or Benefic	cially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) Common Stock, par value \$.10	2. Transaction E (Month/Day/Yea	ar) Execution		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi	ties I (A) or I of (D) 4 and 5 (A) or		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
per share Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share								26,818	I	Wife (1)
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share								1,985	I	401(k) Plan

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Common			401(1-)
Stock, par	1,731	т	401(k) Stock-Wife
value \$.10	1,/31	1	(2)
per share			<u>~</u>

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	str. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,			7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securition
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.98	01/30/2009		A	14,388	01/30/2012(3)	01/30/2014	Common Stock	14,3

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
VALERIUS STEVEN P							
55 WAUGH DRIVE, SUITE 1000			Executive VP - Admin				
HOUSTON TX 77007							

Signatures

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

**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).

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- (1) Shares owned beneficially and of record by Mr. Valerius' wife. Mr. Valerius disclaims ownership of the shares.
- (2) Shares owned beneficially and of record by Mr. Valerius' wife through the Kirby Corporation 401(k) Plan. Mr. Valerius disclaims ownership of the shares.
- (3) Option is exercisable 33% after one year, 67% after two years and 100% after three years from date of grant.

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