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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement KIRBY CORP [KEX] Farley James F. (Month/Day/Year) 02/13/2012 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 55 WAUGH DRIVE, Â SUITE (Check all applicable) 1000 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting President K-Sea Transportation Person HOUSTON, TXÂ 77007 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â D Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share 43,291 Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share 952 I 401(k) Stock Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
Security	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/01/2011	02/01/2013	Common Stock	12,000	\$ 48.65	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/30/2012	01/30/2014	Common Stock	18,000	\$ 23.98	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/01/2013(1)	02/01/2017	Common Stock	12,000	\$ 32.56	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/31/2014(1)	01/31/2018	Common Stock	10,300	\$ 46.74	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/06/2015(1)	02/06/2019	Common Stock	6,540	\$ 66.72	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
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Farley James F. 55 WAUGH DRIVE SUITE 1000 HOUSTON, TX 77007	Â	Â	President K-Sea Transportation	Â		
Signatures						
G. Stephen Holcomb, Agent and Attorney-in-Fact		02/22/20	12			

Explanation of Responses:

**Signature of Reporting Person

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

Date

(1) Option is exercisable 33% after one year, 67% after two years and 100% after three years from date of grant.

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Remarks:

Exhibit List:

Exhibit-Power of Attorney

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