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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading SIMS JACK M Issuer Symbol KIRBY CORP [KEX] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 55 WAUGH DRIVE, SUITE 1000 01/24/2005 below) below) Vice President (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting HOUSTON, TX 77007 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common Stock, par $A^{(1)}$ 01/24/2005 2,250 \$0 3.050 D Α value \$.10 per share Common Stock, par 401(k) $1,852^{(2)}$ Ι value \$.10 Plan per share

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number on Derivative	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date	le and	7. Title and A Underlying S	
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year	.)	(Instr. 3 and	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 41.78	01/24/2005		A	2,500	01/24/2008(3)	01/24/2010	Common Stock	2,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SIMS JACK M 55 WAUGH DRIVE, SUITE 1000 HOUSTON, TX 77007			Vice President			

Signatures

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

01/26/2005

**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).
- (1) Restricted Stock granted under the 2002 Stock and Incentive Plan for Kirby Corporation.
- (2) Acquired 112 shares during 2004 pursuant to the Kirby Corporation 401(k) Plan, at prices ranging from \$31.50 to \$45.89. The information reported herein is based on a plan statement dated December 31, 2004.
- (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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