

KIRBY CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 27, 2006

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

**Form 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report** (Date of earliest event reported): **January 24, 2006**

**Kirby Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Nevada**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-7615**  
(Commission File Number)

**74-1884980**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**55 Waugh Drive, Suite 1000**  
**Houston, TX**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**77007**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(713) 435-1000**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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£ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 3.03.**

**Material Modification to Rights of Security Holders.**

On January 24, 2006, Kirby Corporation, a Nevada corporation (the “Company”), executed Amendment No. 2 to Rights Agreement (the “Amendment”), amending the Company’s Rights Agreement, originally adopted July 18, 2000 (the “Rights Agreement”), to, among other things, (1) remove the so-called “dead hand” provisions that stipulated that certain actions could be taken only by those members of the Board of Directors who were “continuing directors,” (2) implement an exception to the definition of “Associate” to avoid unintended consequences of certain institutional stock ownership and (3) eliminate a provision that applied only to a particular major stockholder.

The foregoing description of the Amendment does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Amendment, a copy of which is filed as an exhibit to this report.

**Item 9.01**

**Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

4.1 Amendment No. 2 to Rights Agreement, dated as of January 24, 2006, between Kirby Corporation and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as Rights Agent.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated January 27, 2006.

**KIRBY CORPORATION**

By

/s/ G. Stephen Holcomb  
G. Stephen Holcomb  
Vice President

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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**Description of Exhibit**

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