UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 Form 8-K

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CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): June 29, 2011

Kirby Corporation (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

55 Waugh Drive, Suite 1000 Houston, Texas (Address of principal executive offices) 1-7615 (Commission File Number) 74-1884980 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

> 77007 (Zip Code)

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

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Item 8.01.Other Events

On June 29, 2011, Kirby Corporation issued a press release announcing the preliminary results of elections by common unitholders of K-Sea Transportation Partners L.P. to receive cash or a combination of cash and Kirby common stock in the previously announced merger between K-Sea and a subsidiary of Kirby. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits:

99.1 Press release dated June 29, 2011

SIGNATURES

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

KIRBY CORPORATION (Registrant)

By: /s/ David W. Grzebinski David W. Grzebinski Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: June 29, 2011

EXHIBIT INDEX

ExhibitPress release dated June 29, 2011 99.1