

K-SEA TRANSPORTATION PARTNERS LP  
Form 425  
June 29, 2011

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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): June 29, 2011

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

Nevada  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

1-7615  
(Commission File Number)

74-1884980  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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

77007  
(Zip Code)

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

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

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Press release dated June 29, 2011

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