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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): April 24, 2012

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)
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

77007
(Zip Code)

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

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Item Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;
 5.02. Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On April 24, 2012, the stockholders of the Company approved amendments to the Company's 2005 Stock and Incentive Plan to (1) increase the number of shares of the Company's common stock that may be issued under the Plan from 3,000,000 to 5,000,000 shares and (2) increase the maximum amount of cash that may be paid to any participant pursuant to any performance award under the Plan during any calendar year from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000. The amendments had been approved by the Company's Board of Directors on February 15, 2012, subject to stockholder approval. The Plan as amended is incorporated as Exhibit 10.1 to this report.

On April 24, 2012, the stockholders of the Company approved an amendment to the Company's 2000 Nonemployee Director Stock Plan to increase the number of shares that may be issued under the Plan from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000 shares. The amendment had been approved by the Company's Board of Directors on February 15, 2012, subject to stockholder approval. The Plan as amended is incorporated as Exhibit 10.2 to this report.

A more complete description of the two plans and the amendments is provided in the Company's Proxy Statement for its Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on April 24, 2012, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 7, 2012.

Item 9.01

Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number

Description of Exhibit

10.12005 Stock and Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit A to the Company's Proxy Statement filed with the Commission on March 7, 2012)

10.22000 Nonemployee Director Stock Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit B to the Company's Proxy Statement filed with the Commission on March 7, 2012)

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: April 30, 2012