

KIRBY CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 25, 2011

**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): February 21, 2011

**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.)

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**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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On February 21, 2011, a wholly owned subsidiary of Kirby Corporation entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement (the Purchase and Sale Agreement) with United Engines Holding Company, LLC to purchase all of the membership interests of United Holdings LLC (United Engines), a privately held distributor and service provider of engine and transmission related products for the oil and gas services, power generation and transportation industries, and manufacturer of oilfield service equipment. The base purchase price is \$270 million in cash (before post-closing adjustments), plus a three-year earnout provision for up to an additional \$50 million payable in 2014.

The Purchase and Sale Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and covenants and the buyer and the seller have each agreed to indemnify the other, subject to certain limitations, for breaches under the Purchase and Sale Agreement. The closing of the acquisition is subject to customary conditions, including approval under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, as well as the purchase by United Engines of a minority interest in one of its subsidiaries, and the value of outstanding purchase orders remaining above a certain level.

The foregoing summary of the Purchase and Sale Agreement does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, the full text of the Purchase and Sale Agreement, a copy of which is filed herewith as an exhibit to this report. In addition, a copy of the press release relating to the acquisition is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

2.1 Purchase and Sale Agreement dated as of February 21, 2011, between Kirby Engine Systems, Inc. and United Engines Holding Company, LLC<sup>1,2</sup>

99.1 Press Release of Kirby Corporation dated February 21, 2011

1. Portions of this exhibit have been omitted and filed separately with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) pursuant to a confidential treatment request.
2. The schedules to this exhibit have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of Regulation S-K and the registrant undertakes to furnish supplementally copies of any of the omitted schedules upon request by the Commission.

**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 February 24, 2011.

**KIRBY CORPORATION**

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

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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