



KIRBY CORPORATION

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**KIRBY CORPORATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GOLDMAN SACHS
4th ANNUAL GLOBAL SHIPPING CONFERENCE AND PRESENT AT THE
STEPHENS INC. FALL INVESTMENT CONFERENCE**

Houston, Texas (November 7, 2007) -- Kirby Corporation ("Kirby") (NYSE:KEX) announced today that Joe Pyne, Kirby's President and Chief Executive Officer, will participate in a Jones Act Panel discussion at the Goldman Sachs 4th Annual Global Shipping Conference on Tuesday, November 13, and present at the Stephens Inc. Fall Investment Conference on Thursday, November 15. Specifics for each conference are as follows:

Goldman Sachs 4th Annual Global Shipping Conference

Goldman Sachs Conference Center

32 Old Slip, 2nd Floor, New York, New York

Panel discussion date and time: Tuesday, November 13, 2007, 12:50 PM EST

Stephens Inc. Fall Investment Conference

The New York Palace Hotel

455 Madison Avenue, New York, New York

Presentation date and time: Thursday, November 15, 2007, 9:30 AM EST

A live audio webcast of the panel discussion and presentation will be available to the public at <http://www.kirbycorp.com>. A copy of the material prepared by Kirby for the panel discussion and presentation will be available on Kirby's website at 7:00 AM EST on the date of the conferences. A replay of the panel discussion and presentation will be available through December 14, 2007.

Kirby Corporation, based in Houston, Texas, operates inland tank barges and towing vessels transporting petrochemicals, black oil products, refined petroleum products and agricultural chemicals throughout the United States' inland waterway system. Kirby also owns and operates four ocean-going barge and tug units transporting dry-bulk commodities in United States coastwise trade. Through the diesel engine services segment, Kirby provides after-market service for medium-speed and high-speed diesel engines and reduction gears used in marine, power generation and railroad applications.

This press release and the presentations may contain statements that may be considered to be forward-looking statements. These statements reflect management's reasonable judgement with respect to future events. Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated as a result of various factors, including cyclical or other downturns in demand, significant pricing competition, unanticipated additions to industry capacity, changes in the Jones Act or in U.S. maritime policy and practice, fuel costs, interest rates, weather conditions, and the timing, magnitude and the number of acquisitions made by Kirby. Forward-looking statements are based on currently available information and Kirby assumes no obligation to update such statements. A list of additional risk factors can be found in Kirby's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.