



KIRBY CORPORATION

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**KIRBY CORPORATION TO PRESENT AT THE
GOLDMAN SACHS INDUSTRIALS CONFERENCE
AND STEPHENS FALL INVESTMENT CONFERENCE**

Houston, Texas (November 8, 2012) -- Kirby Corporation ("Kirby") (NYSE:KEX) announced today that Kirby will present at the Goldman Sachs Industrials Conference on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 and the Stephens Fall Investment Conference on Wednesday, November 14, 2012. Specifics of each conference are as follows:

Goldman Sachs Industrials Conference

Presentation date & time: Tuesday, November 13, 2012, 11:45 a.m. EST

Presenters: Joe Pyne, Chairman and CEO

David Grzebinski, Executive Vice President and CFO

Location: Boston, Massachusetts

Stephens Fall Investment Conference

Presentation date & time: Wednesday, November 14, 2012, 11:00 a.m. EST

Presenters: Joe Pyne, Chairman and CEO

David Grzebinski, Executive Vice President and CFO

Location: New York, New York

A live audio webcast of the presentations will be available to the public and a replay will be available after the presentations by visiting Kirby's website at <http://www.kirbycorp.com>. A copy of the material prepared by Kirby for the presentations will be available at 8:00 a.m. central time on the day of the presentations on Kirby's website. A replay of the presentations will be available for 30 days on Kirby's website.

Kirby Corporation, based in Houston, Texas, is the nation's largest domestic tank barge operator, transporting bulk liquid products throughout the Mississippi River System, the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, coastwise along all three United States coasts and in Alaska and Hawaii. Kirby transports petrochemicals, black oil products, refined petroleum products and agricultural chemicals by tank barge. 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 and power generation applications. Kirby also distributes and services high-speed diesel engines, transmissions, pumps, compression products and manufactures and remanufactures oilfield service equipment, including pressure pumping units, for land-based pressure pumping and oilfield service markets.

Statements contained in this press release with respect to the future are forward-looking statements. These statements reflect management's reasonable judgment 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 timing, magnitude and number of acquisitions made by Kirby. Forward-looking statements are based on currently available information and Kirby assumes no obligation to update any 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, 2011 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.