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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): February 14, 2018

Kirby Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada 1-7615 74-1884980 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

55 Waugh Drive, Suite 1000 77007

Houston, Texas

(Address of principal executive offices) (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:

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Emerging growth company

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Item 2.01. Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets.

On February 14, 2018, Kirby Corporation completed the previously announced acquisition of Higman Marine, Inc. and affiliated companies ("Higman"), an operator of tank barges and towboats participating in the inland tank barge transportation industry in the United States. The acquisition was completed pursuant to a Securities Purchase Agreement dated as of February 4, 2018 between Kirby, Higman and the owners of Higman. The purchase price was approximately \$419 million in cash (before post-closing adjustments and transaction fees). The cash consideration was financed from the proceeds of a new issuance of senior notes, which closed on February 12, 2018.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On February 15, 2018, Kirby issued a press release announcing the closing of the acquisition described in Item 2.01. A copy of the press release is furnished with this report as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release of Kirby Corporation dated February 15, 2018.

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 President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: February 16, 2018

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number Description of Exhibit

—Press release of Kirby Corporation dated February 15, 2018.