



**KIRBY CORPORATION**

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**KIRBY CORPORATION TO PRESENT AT THE  
DEUTSCHE BANK SMALL CAP GROWTH CONFERENCE AND  
BB&T CAPITAL MARKETS 22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE**

**Houston, Texas (February 6, 2007)** -- Kirby Corporation ("Kirby") (NYSE:KEX) announced today that Joe Pyne, Kirby's President and Chief Executive Officer, will present at the Deutsche Bank Small Cap Growth Conference on Monday, February 12, 2007, and the BB&T Capital Markets 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Transportation Conference on Thursday, February 15, 2007. Specifics for each conference are as follows:

**Deutsche Bank Small Cap Growth Conference**

Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Naples, Florida

Presentation date and time: Monday, February 12, 2007, 12:00 PM EST

**BB&T Capital Markets 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Transportation Conference**

The Fairmont Turnberry, Miami, Florida

Presentation date and time: Thursday, February 15, 2007, 1:00 PM EST

Audio webcasts of the presentations will be available to the public and replays 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 Deutsche Bank conference will be available on February 12, 2007 on Kirby's website and in a Form 8-K to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. A copy of the material for the BB&T Capital Markets conference will be available on February 15, 2007 on Kirby's website and in a Form 8-K to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. A replay of each presentation will be available through March 15, 2007 on Kirby's website.

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 large 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, 2005, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.