



KIRBY CORPORATION

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**KIRBY CORPORATION TO ANNOUNCE 2017 FOURTH QUARTER AND FULL YEAR
RESULTS ON JANUARY 31, 2018
WITH CONFERENCE CALL ON FEBRUARY 1, 2018**

Houston, Texas (January 3, 2018) – Kirby Corporation ("Kirby") (NYSE: KEX) will announce its 2017 fourth quarter and full year results at 4:00 p.m. Central time on Wednesday, January 31, 2018. A conference call to discuss the results will be held at 7:30 a.m. Central time on Thursday, February 1, 2018.

The telephone numbers to participate in the conference call are 888-317-6003 for domestic callers and 412-317-6061 for international callers. Please dial in five to ten minutes prior to the start of the call. The confirmation number is 9636149.

A live audio webcast of the conference call will be available to the public and a replay will be available for one year after the conference call by visiting Kirby's website at <http://www.kirbycorp.com>. An audio conference call playback will also be available starting at 1:00 p.m. Central time on Thursday, February 1, 2018 through 5:00 p.m. Central time on Thursday, February 8, 2018 by dialing 877-344-7529 for domestic callers and 412-317-0088 for international callers. The replay access code is 10115538.

The financial and other information to be discussed in the conference call will be available in the 2017 fourth quarter and full year press release and in a Form 8-K to be furnished by Kirby on the day of the call, both of which will be posted on Kirby's website at <http://www.kirbycorp.com> in the Investor Relations section.

Kirby Corporation, based in Houston, Texas, is the nation's largest domestic tank barge operator transporting bulk liquid products throughout the Mississippi River System, on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, coastwise along all three United States coasts, and in Alaska and Hawaii. Kirby transports petrochemicals, black oil, refined petroleum products and agricultural chemicals by tank barge. In addition, Kirby participates in the transportation of dry-bulk commodities in United States coastwise trade. Through the distribution and services segment, Kirby provides after-market service and parts for engines, transmissions, reduction gears, and related equipment used in oilfield services, marine, power generation, on-highway, and other industrial applications. Kirby also rents equipment including generators, forklifts, pumps, and compressors for use in a variety of industrial markets, and manufactures and remanufactures oilfield service equipment, including pressure pumping units, for land-based oilfield service customers.

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 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, 2016, and Kirby's subsequent quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2017.