

**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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- Form 3 Holdings Reported.
- Form 4 Transactions Reported.

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>ARREDONDO RICARDO</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH SUITE 1500  (Street) HOUSTON TX 77027  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>QUANEX CORP [ NX ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Vice President - Controller</u>
	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 10/31/2004	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	11/05/2003		J <sup>(1)</sup>	55.336	A	\$41	261.873	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2003		J <sup>(1)</sup>	57.292	A	\$39.6	319.165	D	
Common Stock	12/30/2003		J <sup>(2)</sup>	1.112	A	\$47.68	320.277	D	
Common Stock	01/07/2004		J <sup>(1)</sup>	96.908	A	\$45.05	417.185	D	
Common Stock	02/03/2004		J <sup>(1)</sup>	31.386	A	\$46	448.571	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2004		J <sup>(1)</sup>	32.119	A	\$44.95	480.69	D	
Common Stock	03/31/2004		J <sup>(2)</sup>	1.875	A	\$42.49	482.565	D	
Common Stock	04/02/2004		J <sup>(1)</sup>	33.289	A	\$43.37	535.446	D	
Common Stock	05/05/2004		J <sup>(1)</sup>	34.253	A	\$42.15	605.554	D	
Common Stock	06/03/2004		J <sup>(1)</sup>	32.925	A	\$43.85	638.672	D	
Common Stock	06/30/2004		J <sup>(2)</sup>	1.99	A	\$48.7	673.519	D	
Common Stock	07/02/2004		J <sup>(1)</sup>	30.028	A	\$48.08	739.397	D	
Common Stock	08/10/2004		J <sup>(1)</sup>	34.196	A	\$42.22	808.376	D	
Common Stock	09/09/2004		J <sup>(1)</sup>	29.83	A	\$48.4	838.794	D	
Common Stock	09/30/2004		J <sup>(2)</sup>	2.482	A	\$51.28	872.478	D	
Common Stock	10/07/2004		J <sup>(1)</sup>	27.251	A	\$52.98	899.729	D	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Shares acquired through Quanex 401 (k) Plan.
2. Shares acquired with dividend reinvestment through the Quanex 401(k) Plan.

Terry M. Murphy, Power of Attorney

12/07/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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