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### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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(1.100)			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>QUANEX CORP</u> [ NX ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner					
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/01/2004	X	Officer (give title below) VP-Corporate	Other (specify below)			
(Street) HOUSTON TX 77		77027 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	idual or Joint/Group Fili Form filed by One Re Form filed by More th Person	porting 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)	Code (		4. Securities Disposed Of			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1130.4)
Common Stock	06/01/2004	06/02/2004	<b>J</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		5.122	Α	\$44.9034	1,452.76	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. Transa Code ( 8)		5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) of Dispo of (D) (Instr and 5	vative rities ired r osed ) . 3, 4	6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	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)	
				Code	v	(A) (D)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

**Explanation of Responses:** 

1. Shares acquired through Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

#### Ricardo Arredondo, Power of

<u>Attorney</u>

06/02/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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