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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. Name and Addres	ss of Reporting Person <u> </u>	n*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>QUANEX CORP</u> [NX]	(Check	tionship of Reporting Pers all applicable) Director Officer (give title	son(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify
(Last) 1900 WEST LO SUITE 1500	0 WEST LOOP SOUTH		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/01/2006		below) Senior VP-Corporat	below)
(Street) HOUSTON (City)	(Street) HOUSTON TX 77027		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	idual or Joint/Group Filing Form filed by One Repo Form filed by More thar Person	orting 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)	Transaction Code (Instr.					5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(iiisti: 4)
Common Stock	05/01/2006	05/02/2006	J ⁽¹⁾		5.228	Α	\$43.99	16,500.3455	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)		of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D)	Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Securities Acquired A) or Disposed of (D) Instr. 3, 4			7. Title Amour Securi Underl Deriva Securi and 4)	nt of ties ying tive ty (Instr. 3	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.

John J. Mannion, Power of

<u>Attorney</u>

05/02/2006

** 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).

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