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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. Nume and Address of Reporting Leison		son [*]	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>QUANEX CORP</u> [NX]	(Check al	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner				
(Last) 1900 WEST LC SUITE 1500	(First) DOP SOUTH	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/30/2003		Officer (give title below) Vice Pres - General	Other (specify below) Counsel			
(Street) HOUSTON	ТХ	77027	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)							

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.		4. Securities Disposed Of			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/30/2003	12/31/2003	J ⁽¹⁾		0.077	Α	\$47.3998	1,421.553	D	
Common Stock	01/02/2004	01/05/2004	J ⁽²⁾		4.897	Α	\$46.9639	1,426.45	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 Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		f Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) ecurities ccquired A) or isposed f (D) nstr. 3, 4			and ht 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)	Ownership Form:	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

1. Acquired through Quanex Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

2. Shares acquired through Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

Kevin P. Delaney

01/05/2004

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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