

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**August 27, 2004**  
(Date of earliest event reported)

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**QUANEX CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-5725**  
(Commission File Number)

**38-1872178**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**1900 West Loop South, Suite 1500, Houston, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**77027**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **713-961-4600**

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events**

This information shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

On August 27, 2004, Quanex Corporation issued a press release (the "Press Release") announcing that John Mannion will join the Company on August 30, 2004 as Vice President - Treasurer. The foregoing is qualified by reference to the Press Release which is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- (c) Exhibit 99.1. Press release dated August 27, 2004
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**Exhibit Index**

99.1 Press release dated August 27, 2004

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**QUANEX CORPORATION**

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(Registrant)

**/s/ TERRY M. MURPHY**

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**August 27, 2004**

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(Date)

Terry M. Murphy  
*Vice President - Finance & Chief Financial Officer*  
*(Principal Financial Officer)*

## **John Mannion Joins Quanex Corporation as Vice President - Treasurer**

HOUSTON, Aug. 27, 2004 (PRIMEZONE) -- Quanex Corporation (NYSE:NX) announced today that John Mannion will join the Company on August 30, as Vice President - Treasurer. He will report directly to Terry M. Murphy, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Quanex.

In his new position, Mannion will be responsible for all corporate treasury functions including cash management, banking activities, risk management, administration of the Company's stock option program and oversight responsibilities for the management of the Company's pension fund assets. He will also be responsible for corporate administrative functions which include information technologies (IT), management of the Quanex Foundation, and administration of the Company employee relocation program.

Mannion brings significant experience to Quanex, having served as Senior Director - Treasury, and Senior Director - Financial Planning & Analysis, for ExpressJet Airlines located in Houston, Texas. Prior to that, Mr. Mannion served as Director - Corporate Finance, and Director - Corporate Development, for Continental Airlines and was a Senior Financial Analyst for Northwest Airlines.

"John's finance background and management experience will be valuable assets in helping Quanex achieve its strategic objectives," said Murphy. "We look forward to having him 'on board.'"

Mannion graduated from Wesleyan University with a B.A. in Economics and received his M.B.A. from Cornell University.

Quanex Corporation is an industry-leading manufacturer of engineered materials and components for the Vehicular Products and Building Products markets. The company was founded in 1927 and its stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol NX. For further information visit the Company website at [www.quanex.com](http://www.quanex.com).

The Quanex Corporation logo is available at: <http://www.primezone.com/newsroom/prs/?pkgid=1117>

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