FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BALLOU ROBERT C     |  |        |                                   |                 |       | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol QUANEX CORP [ NX ] |  |                       |                        |   |                      |                 |  |   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner |  |            |  |  |
|--|--|--------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-------|---|--|-----------------------|------------------------|---|----------------------|-----------------|--|---|---|--|------------|--|--|
| (Last)   | (Fi  | rst) ( | Middle)                           |                 |       | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/01/2002           |  |                       |                        |   |                      |                 |  | belov   | ,   | X Other<br>below<br>hicular Produ                                  | ,          |  |  |
| (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)                                |  |        |                                   |                 |       | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 11/05/2002   |  |                       |                        |   |                      |                 | Line)  | ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable e)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |  |            |  |  |
|  |  | Tabl   | e I - No                          | on-Deriv        | ative | Sec   | uritie   | s Ac                  | quired                 | , Dis   | posed o              | f, or E         | Bene   | ficially  | y Owne  | ed   |            |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Day |  |        |                                   | Execution Date, |       | Date,   | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)                        |                       | es Acqui<br>Of (D) (Ir | red (A<br>str. 3,   | ) or<br>4 and 5)     | Secur<br>Benef  | cially<br>d Following                        | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)   | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)                           |  |            |  |  |
|  |  |        |                                   |                 |       |   |  | Code                  | v                      | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D) Pri    |                 | Price  | Transa  | action(s)<br>3 and 4)   |  | (111501.4) |  |  |
| Common Stock 11/01/2   |  |        | 2002                              | 002 11/04/2002  |       | <b>J</b> (1)  |  | 25.758 <sup>(2)</sup> | 2) /                   | 1 3   | 35.7187              | 7 5             | 1.003  | D   |   |  |            |  |  |
|  |  | Та     | ıble II -                         |                 |       |   |  |                       |                        |   | osed of,<br>onvertib |                 |  |   | Owned   |  |            |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)          | ivative Conversion Date Execution Date, curity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any |        | Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |                 | of    |   | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                       | te                     | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr.<br>and 4) |                      | De<br>Se<br>(In | Price of<br>erivative<br>ecurity<br>astr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions (Instr. 4)  | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)                           | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |            |  |  |
|  |  |        |                                   |                 | Code  | v   | (A)  | (D)                   | Date<br>Exercis        | able  | Expiration<br>Date   | Title           | Amo<br>or<br>Num<br>of<br>Shar               | ber   |   |  |            |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Shares acquired through Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- 2. 14.558 shares were omitted from the reporting person's original Form 4 for 11-06-2002, and also were omitted from eight Forms 4 filed by the reporting person after his original Form 4 was filed.

Terry M. Murphy

06/30/2003

\*\* 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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