FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  JEAN RAYMOND A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  QUANEX CORP [ NX ]								(Che	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner							
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH SUITE 1500			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2005							_ x	X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Chairman, CEO & President								
(Street) HOUSTON TX 77027			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							Line)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person								
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Table I - Non-Deriv  1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/L					3. 4. Securit Disposed Code (Instr.		ities Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		A) or	5. Amoun Securities Beneficial Owned Fo	i lly	Form: (D) or	m: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership					
							Code V	A	mount	(A) or (D)		Price	Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 and	on(s) nd 4)			(Instr. 4)		
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 Da if any (Month/Day/Y	ate, Tra	ansaction ode (Instr.		Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		e and	7. Title and Amo of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)		curity	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported	Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4	Ownership	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	ode	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expi Date	ration	Title	or Nu	nount mber Shares	5	Transaction (Instr. 4)	on(s)	n(s)	
Phantom Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0 <sup>(2)</sup>	09/30/2005		1	A		54.8892		(3)	(	(3)	Commo	<sup>1</sup> 54	.8892	\$66.2	23,421.1	134	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$17.3333								(4)	10/23	3/2011	Commo: Stock	63	3,700		63,700	0	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$21.3333								12/05/2003	12/04	4/2012	Commo	82	2,500		82,500	0	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$26.4								12/04/2004	12/03	3/2013	Commo: Stock	49	9,050		49,050	0	D	
Stock Options (Right to	\$39.4667								12/01/2005	12/0	1/2014	Commo	6	1,500		61,500	0	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Units that are credited to the participant's account under the Quanex Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan as a result of Dividend Reinvestment.
- 3. All units credited under the Deferred Compensation Plan are 100% vested at all times; provided, however, that if a participant receives a benefit from the Deferred Compensation Plan for any reason other than death, disability or retirement within three years after a deferral is credited to a participant's account, any matching awards made by the Company with respect to such deferral will be forfeited. Distributions under the Deferred Compensation Plan are made beginning on a specified date selected bythe participant or upon a participant's death, disability, or termination of employment.
- 4. Date exerciseable is 10/24/2002. Due to limitations in the Transcentive software, a date cannot be entered in this field at this time

Terry M. Murphy, Power of <u>Attorney</u>

10/03/2005

\*\* 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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