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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

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

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 14, 2008**

**QUANEX CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| <b>Delaware</b><br>(State or other Jurisdiction of<br>Incorporation)                                    | <b>1-5725</b><br>(Commission File Number) | <b>38-1872178</b><br>(IRS Employer Identification No.) |
| <b>1900 West Loop South, Suite 1500, Houston,<br/>Texas</b><br>(Address of Principal Executive Offices) |   | <b>77027</b><br>(Zip Code)                             |

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

(Former name or former address if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - 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.**

On April 14, 2008, Quanex Corporation (the “Company”) issued a press release (the “Press Release”) announcing that shares of its spin-off company, Quanex Building Products Corporation, began trading on a when-issued basis on April 14, 2008. 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.

The Press Release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 contains “forward looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. All statements other than statements of historical facts included or incorporated herein may constitute forward-looking statements. Actual results could vary significantly from those expressed or implied in such statements and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. Statements that use the words “expect”, “should”, “believe”, “will”, “might”, or similar words reflecting future expectations or beliefs are forward-looking statements. Factors that could impact future results may include, without limitation, the effect of both domestic and global economic conditions, the impact of competitive products and pricing, and the availability and cost of raw materials. For a more complete discussion of factors that may affect the Company’s future performance, please refer to the Company’s most recent 10-K filing (December 14, 2007) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, in particular the section titled, “Private Securities Litigation Reform Act” contained therein.

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

Exhibit 99.1. Press Release dated April 14, 2008

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**SIGNATURE**

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

**QUANEX CORPORATION**

(Registrant)

**April 15, 2008**

(Date)

**/s/ KEVIN P. DELANEY**

Kevin P. Delaney

*Senior Vice President — General Counsel and Secretary*

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**Exhibit Index**

Exhibit 99.1. Press Release dated April 14, 2008

NEWS RELEASE

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**Quanex Announces When-Issued Trading of Spin-Off Company**

Houston, Texas, April 14, 2008 — **Quanex Corporation** (NYSE:NX), an industry-leading manufacturer of value-added engineered materials and components for the vehicular products and building products markets, announced today that shares of its spin-off company, Quanex Building Products Corporation, began trading on a when-issued basis today. The shares are traded on the NYSE under the symbol NX WI and are expected to begin trading regular way under the symbol NX on April 24, 2008.

*Statements that use the words “expect,” “should,” “believe,” “will,” “might,” or similar words reflecting future expectations or beliefs are forward-looking statements. The statements found above are based on current expectations. Actual results or events may differ materially from this release. Factors that could impact future results may include, without limitation, the effect of both domestic and global economic conditions, the impact of competitive products and pricing, and the availability and cost of raw materials. For a more complete discussion of factors that may affect the Company’s future performance, please refer to the Company’s most recent 10-K filing (December 14, 2007) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, in particular the section titled, “Private Securities Litigation Reform Act” contained therein.*

*This press release may be deemed to be soliciting material relating to the proposed merger transaction between Quanex Corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Gerdau S.A. In connection with the proposed merger, Quanex has filed a proxy statement and other relevant documents concerning the proposed merger with the SEC. Investors and securities holders of Quanex are urged to read the proxy statement because that document contains important information about the proposed merger. The definitive proxy statement has been mailed to Quanex stockholders. Investors and security holders may obtain a copy of such documents free of charge from the SEC’s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Copies of such documents may also be obtained free of charge from Quanex’s website at [www.quanex.com](http://www.quanex.com).*

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*For additional information, visit the Company’s website at [www.quanex.com](http://www.quanex.com).*

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