

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MURPHY TERRY M (Last) (First) (Middle) 1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH SUITE 1500 (Street) HOUSTON TX 77027 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol QUANEX CORP [NX]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Senior VP-Finance and CFO
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2006	

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)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/15/2006		M		7,500	A	\$12.125	23,418.8675	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		M		7,500	A	\$17.3333	30,918.8675	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		M		12,500	A	\$21.3333	43,418.8675	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		300	D	\$64.13	43,118.8675	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		600	D	\$64.14	42,518.8675	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		200	D	\$64.15	42,318.8675	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		100	D	\$64.16	42,218.8675	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		500	D	\$64.19	41,718.8675	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		300	D	\$64.2	41,418.8675	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		1,600	D	\$64.26	39,818.8675	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		100	D	\$64.27	39,718.8675	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		100	D	\$64.31	39,618.8675	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		200	D	\$64.35	39,418.8675	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		300	D	\$64.36	39,118.8675	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		100	D	\$64.38	39,018.8675	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		400	D	\$64.4	38,618.8675	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		300	D	\$64.43	38,318.8675	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		300	D	\$64.45	38,018.8675	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		100	D	\$64.46	37,918.8675	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		1,300	D	\$64.47	36,618.8675	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		200	D	\$64.48	36,418.8675	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		100	D	\$64.49	36,318.8675	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		100	D	\$64.53	36,218.8675	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		500	D	\$64.56	35,718.8675	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		2,000	D	\$64.57	33,718.8675	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		900	D	\$64.6	32,818.8675	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		200	D	\$64.61	32,618.8675	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		100	D	\$64.64	32,518.8675	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		200	D	\$64.66	32,318.8675	D	

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			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		3,000	D	\$64.71	29,318.8675	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$12.125	03/15/2006		M			7,500	(I)	10/26/2010	Common Stock	7,500	\$0	0	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$17.3333	03/15/2006		M			7,500	(I)	10/23/2011	Common Stock	7,500	\$0	0	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$21.3333	03/15/2006		M			12,500	(I)	12/04/2012	Common Stock	12,500	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The option becomes exercisable in one third increments annually beginning one year from date of grant.

John J. Mannion, Power of Attorney.

03/16/2006

** 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).

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