## FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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Instruction I(D).

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Addres	ss of Reporting Person	n*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol QUANEX CORP [ NX ]		tionship of Reporting Person all applicable) Director	n(s) to Issuer 10% Owner	
(Last) 1900 WEST LO	(First) OP SOUTH	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/27/2003		Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)	
SUITE 1500			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check App Line)			
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## 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. Transa Code ( 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 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 Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code ( 8)		of Deriv	rities lired r osed ) r. 3, 4	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		xpiration Date Amount of Derivative Month/Day/Year) Securities Security Underlying Derivative Security			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				
Phantom Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	(2)	08/27/2003		A		102		08/27/2003 <sup>(3)</sup>	(3)	Common Stock	102	\$34.01	1,891	D	
Phantom Stock Units <sup>(4)</sup>	(2)	08/27/2003		A		21		08/27/2003 <sup>(3)</sup>	(3)	Common Stock	21	\$34.01	1,912	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Units that are credited to the participants account under the Quanex Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan as a result of the participant's deferral of income or fees, as the case may be. 2. Conversion price is 1-for-1.

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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 Compansation 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 by the participant or upon a participant's death, disability, or termination of employment.

4. Represents units credited to a participant's account under the Deferred Compensation Plan as a result of the Company's 20% matching award of the participant's deferral of income or fees, as the case may be.

<u>Russell M. Flaum by Terry M.</u>	03/29/2003		
<u>Murphy, POA</u>	03/29/2003		
** Signature of Reporting Person	Date		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

 $^{\ast}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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