## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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			or Section 30(n) of the investment Company Act of 1940					
1. Name and Addr FLAUM RU	ess of Reporting P JSSELL M	erson*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol QUANEX CORP [ NX ]		ationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer k all applicable) Director 10% Owner			
(Last) 1900 WEST L	(First) OOP SOUTH	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/03/2004		Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)		
SUITE 1500			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	ay/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)				
(Street) HOUSTON TX 77027		77027		X	Form filed by One Rep Form filed by More the	5		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	-		Person			
		Table I - Non-Der	ivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Bene	ficially	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)	action	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	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)		n of E		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)	\$16.875							05/01/1999	10/30/2008	Common Stock	2,000		2,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$18.25							12/02/1999	12/01/2008	Common Stock	4,000		4,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$19.8125							10/31/2000	10/31/2010	Common Stock	2,000		2,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$21.6875							05/01/2000	10/31/2009	Common Stock	2,000		2,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$26							10/31/2001	10/31/2011	Common Stock	2,000		2,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$35.54							10/31/2002	10/31/2012	Common Stock	2,000		2,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$40.05							10/31/2003	10/31/2013	Common Stock	2,000		2,000	D	
Phantom Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0 <sup>(2)</sup>	06/03/2004		A		101		06/03/2004 <sup>(3)</sup>	08/08/1988 <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	101	\$43.85	2,226	D	
Phantom Stock	\$0 <sup>(2)</sup>	06/03/2004		A		22		06/03/2004 <sup>(3)</sup>	08/08/1988 <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	22	\$43.85	2,248	D	

Explanation of Responses:

Units<sup>(4)</sup>

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.

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 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.

Ricardo Arredondo, Power of 06/04/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

<u>Attorney</u>

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).

\*\* 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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