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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Addre	ss of Reporting Perso <u> </u>	n*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>QUANEX CORP</u> [NX]		tionship of Reporting Pe all applicable) Director	10% Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH SUITE 1500 (Street) HOUSTON TX 77027 (City) (State) (Zip)		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/01/2004	X	Officer (give title below) VP-Corporate S	Other (specify below) Secretary
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	idual or Joint/Group Filir Form filed by One Rep Form filed by More tha Person	porting Person

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)	Code (Instr.		4. Securities Disposed Of 5)				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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(instit 4)	
Common Stock	07/01/2004	07/02/2004	J ⁽¹⁾		4.694	Α	\$49	1,457.638	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. Transa Code (8)		of Deriv Secur Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D)	erivative curities cquired) or sposed (D) str. 3, 4		7. Title Amour Securi Underl Deriva Securi and 4)	nt of ties ying tive ty (Instr. 3	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				

Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares acquired through Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

Ricardo Arredondo, Power of

<u>Attorney</u>

07/02/2004

** 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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