## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  ROSS JOSEPH J					2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol QUANEX CORP [ NX ]							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
(Last) (First) 1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH SUITE 1500			(Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/24/2006							X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specible)					
SOTTE 1300				_ 4	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street) HOUSTON TX			77027										iled by More		rting Person One Report	ing	
(City) (State) (Zip)																	
		Та	ble I - Non-De	rivati	ve S	ecuritie	s Ac	cquired, D	isposed	of, or Be	neficia	lly Owned					
1. Title of	Security (Ins	Date	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/		Execution Date,			e, Transaction Disposed Code (Instr.		ties Acquired (A) or d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5		Beneficially Owned Following		Direct III Indirect E str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
								Code V	Amoun	(A) o	Price	Reporte Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)			(Instr. 4)	
			Table II - Der (e.g					uired, Dis s, options,				y Owned					
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 Amou of Securities Underlying Derivative Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		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 Share		Transacti (Instr. 4)	on(s)			
Phantom Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0 <sup>(2)</sup>	08/24/2006		A		386.561		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	386.56	\$34.6	11,814.5	596	D		
Phantom Stock Units <sup>(4)</sup>	\$0 <sup>(2)</sup>	08/24/2006		A		77.312		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	77.312	2 \$34.6	11,891.908		D		
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$11.5333							10/31/2001	10/31/2011	Common Stock	4,500		4,500		D		
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$15.7955							10/31/2002	10/31/2012	Common Stock	4,500		4,500		D		
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$15.9333							05/23/2003	05/22/2012	Common Stock	13,500	)	13,500		D		
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$17.8							10/31/2003	10/31/2013	Common Stock	4,500		4,500	)	D		
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$22.5333							10/31/2004	10/31/2014	Common Stock	4,500		4,500	)	D		
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$38.6067							10/31/2005	10/31/2015	Common Stock	3,042		3,042	2	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.
- 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 bythe 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>John J. Mannion, Power of Attorney</u>

08/25/2006

\*\* 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).
- \*\* 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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