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* DELANEY KEVIN P (Last) (First) (Middle) 1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH SUITE 1500 (Street) HOUSTON TX 77027 | | | | | 2. I Q! 3. [04/ | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol QUANEX CORP [NX] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/26/2006 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior VP-Corporate Secretary 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|---------------------------|---|------|--|------------------|--|----------------------|--|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| (City) | | | 77027 ——— (Zip) | | - | | | | | | | | | Form t Persor | | re than One Rep | orting | |
| | | Tab | le I - N | on-Deriv | vative | Sec | urit | ies Ac | quire | l, Di | sposed o | of, or Be | neficia | lly Owned | t l | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | Date I (Month/Day/Year) i | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Transaction Dis | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a | | | Benefici Owned | es ially Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reporte Transac (Instr. 3 | tion(s) | | (Instr. 4) | | | |
| Common | Stock | | | 04/26/ | 2006 | | | | M | | 4,500 | A | \$13.42 | 22 20,99 | 5.1175 | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | 04/26/ | 2006 | | | | S | | 2,500 | D | \$45.5 | 18,49 | 5.1175 | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | | 04/26/ | /26/2006 | | | | S | | 500 | D | \$45.5 | 1 17,99 | 5.1175 | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | | 04/26/ | 4/26/2006 | | | | S | | 100 | D | \$45.5 | 3 17,89 | 5.1175 | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | 04/26/ | /2006 | | | | S | | 300 | D | \$45.5 | 7 17,59 | 5.1175 | D | | | | |
| Common Stock | | | 04/26/ | 2006 | | | | S | | 300 | D | \$45.5 | 3 17,29 | 5.1175 | D | | | |
| Common Stock 04/26 | | | 04/26/ | 2006 | 006 | | S | | 700 | D | \$45.5 | 9 16,59 | 5.1175 | D | | | | |
| Common Stock 04/26/2 | | | | 2006 | 006 | | S | | 100 | D | \$45.6 | 3 16,495.1175 | | D | | | | |
| | | 7 | able II | | | | | | | | posed of converti | | | Owned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | e (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month | | on Date, Tran | | ansaction de (Instr. | | umber vative urities uired or oosed O) tr. 3, 4 5) | Expirati | 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 derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | Ownersl Form: Direct (Dor Indire (I) (Instr. | Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | V (| (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | able | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$13.4222 | 04/26/2006 | | | M | | | 4,500 | (1) | | 07/23/2013 | Common Stock | 4,500 | \$0 | 9,000 | 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 <u>Attorney</u>

04/27/2006

** 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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