



Quanex Announces Chief Financial Officer to Leave at End of 2005

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HOUSTON, Nov. 15, 2005 (PRIMEZONE) -- Quanex Corporation (NYSE:NX), an industry-leading manufacturer of value-added engineered materials and components serving the vehicular products and building products markets, announced today that Terry M. Murphy, Senior Vice President -- Finance and Chief Financial Officer has decided to leave Quanex on December 31, 2005, to accept a position at another NYSE listed company.

"Terry has been a valued member of our senior leadership team and we appreciate his contributions during his tenure at Quanex," said Raymond A. Jean, Quanex chairman and chief executive officer. "We wish him continued success in his future endeavors and thank him for helping us ensure that an orderly transition takes place."

Quanex is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol NX. For further information, visit the Company's website at www.quanex.com.

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