



Russell M. Flaum Retires From Quanex Board of Directors

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HOUSTON, Dec. 13, 2006 (PRIME NEWSWIRE) -- Quanex Corporation (NYSE:NX) announced today that Russell M. Flaum has retired from the Company's Board of Directors. Mr. Flaum, who is Executive Vice President of Illinois Tool Works (ITW), stated that his global responsibilities with ITW no longer afford him the necessary time and attention required to continue his role as a Quanex director.

"On behalf of Quanex, I would like to thank Russ for his valued contributions to the Board and our shareholders over the last nine years," said Raymond A. Jean, the Company's chairman and chief executive officer.

Quanex is an industry-leading manufacturer of engineered materials and components for the vehicular products and building products markets. For further information, visit the Company's website at www.quanex.com.

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