



Quanex Announces Promotion of Brent Korb to Vice President -- Corporate Controller

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HOUSTON, Feb. 2, 2005 (PRIMEZONE) -- Quanex Corporation (NYSE:NX) announced today that Brent L. Korb was promoted to Vice President -- Corporate Controller. In his new position, Mr. Korb will report to Terry M. Murphy, Vice President -- Finance and Chief Financial Officer of Quanex.

Mr. Korb will be responsible for all corporate accounting functions, including consolidations, SEC reporting, and corporate budgeting and analysis functions. Korb formerly held the position of Assistant Controller at Quanex since 2003. Prior to that, he was Corporate Controller and Director of Planning and Analysis at Resolution Performance Products, and before that was the Director of International Finance and Accounting at SCI Management Corporation.

"Brent brings to the position a strong accounting background and excellent leadership skills," commented Mr. Murphy. "I look forward to his ongoing contributions to the organization as Quanex continues to implement its strategic initiatives."

Corporate Profile

Quanex is a \$1.5 billion industry-leading manufacturer of value-added engineered materials and components serving the vehicular products and building products markets. 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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