



Quanex Announces Promotion of Mark A. Marcucci to Vice President Quanex

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HOUSTON, June 6, 2006 (PRIMEZONE) -- Quanex Corporation (NYSE:NX), announced today that Mark A. Marcucci was appointed Vice President -- Quanex Corporation and remains President of MACSTEEL. Mr. Marcucci continues to report directly to Mr. Raymond A. Jean, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Quanex.

"Mark has played an important role in shaping MACSTEEL's strategy and development over the last several years," said Ray Jean. "His depth of steel making experience, intimate knowledge of MACSTEEL's capabilities, and exemplary leadership skills will help take MACSTEEL to the next level of growth and performance."

Mr. Marcucci has over 30 years experience in the metals industry and began his career at MACSTEEL in 1991. He is a graduate of Youngstown State University, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Material Science.

Corporate Profile

Quanex is a \$2 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 websites at www.quanex.com and www.macsteel.com.

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