



Quanex Announces Retirement of Michael R. Bayles

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HOUSTON, Dec. 11, 2006 (PRIME NEWSWIRE) -- Quanex Corporation (NYSE:NX) announced today that Michael R. Bayles, age 54, has announced his early retirement, effective January 9, 2007, due to personal health reasons. Mr. Bayles is currently a Quanex Senior Vice President and President of Building Products.

"Michael has been a tremendous asset for Quanex over the last five years as the Company refocused and adopted a market-driven strategy. His strategic thinking and operational capabilities will be missed. We wish him the very best in his retirement," 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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