



Quanex Elects Joseph D. Rupp to Its Board of Directors

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HOUSTON, Dec. 12, 2006 (PRIME NEWSWIRE) -- Quanex Corporation (NYSE:NX) announced today that Joseph D. Rupp has been elected to the Company's Board of Directors, effective January 2, 2007. Mr. Rupp, age 56, is currently the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Olin Corporation, a \$2.4 billion NYSE-traded basic materials company concentrated in metals, chemicals and ammunition. He joined Olin in 1972 and was elected President and CEO in 2002.

"Joe's tremendous experience and insight as a leader of a NYSE-traded, diversified industrial company will add value to our Board deliberations," said Raymond A. Jean, the Company's president, chairman and CEO.

Mr. Rupp graduated from the University of Missouri, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Metallurgical Engineering.

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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