

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

February 2, 2005
(Date of earliest event reported)

QUANEX CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-5725
(Commission File Number)

38-1872178
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1900 West Loop South, Suite 1500, Houston, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

77027
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **713-961-4600**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

This information shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

On February 2, 2005, Quanex Corporation issued a press release (the "Press Release") announcing that Brent L. Korb, age 32, will serve as Vice President - Corporate Controller. The foregoing is qualified by reference to the Press Release which is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1. Press release dated February 2, 2005

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99.1 Press release dated February 2, 2005

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

QUANEX CORPORATION

(Registrant)

/s/ **TERRY M. MURPHY**

February 7, 2005

(Date)

TERRY M. MURPHY

Vice President - Finance and Chief Financial Officer

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

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.

Statements that use the words "expect," "should," "may," "could," "will," "might," or similar words reflecting future expectations or beliefs are forward-looking statements. The statements above are based on Quanex's current expectations. Actual results or events may differ materially from this release. Factors that could impact future results may include, without limitation, the effect of both domestic and global economic conditions, the impact of competitive products and pricing, and the availability and cost of raw materials. For a more complete discussion of factors that may affect the Company's future performance, please refer to the Company's most recent 10-K filing of December 21, 2004, under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, in particular the sections titled, "Private Securities Litigation Reform Act" contained therein.

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