

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Hammonds Paul A</u>	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 02/24/2005	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>QUANEX CORP [nx]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <u>VP-Corporate Development</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 03/02/2005
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH-SUITE 1500		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(Street) HOUSTON TX 77027			
(City) (State) (Zip)			

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Stock Options (Right to buy)	03/10/2004 ⁽¹⁾	03/10/2013	Common Stock	2,001 ⁽²⁾	20.0333	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The option becomes exercisable in one third increments annually beginning one year from date of grant.
- Correcting the number of shares associated with 3/10/2003 grant previously reported on Form 3 filed 3/2/2005

Paul A. Hammonds by Terry M. Murphy, POA 03/15/2005

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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Quanex Corporation

Power of Attorney

The undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Terry M. Murphy, Brent Korb and John J. Mannion his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and re-substitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to complete and sign all Form 4s and Form 5s relating to equity securities of Quanex Corporation and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto or documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the New York Stock Exchange and Quanex Corporation, granting to said attorney-in-fact and agent, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent, or substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Executed this 4th day of March 2005

/s/ Paul A. Hammonds

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