

**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**

March 4, 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 8.01 Other Events

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 March 4, 2005, Quanex Corporation issued a press release (the "Press Release") announcing the promotion of Terry M. Murphy, Michael R. Bayles and Kevin Delaney to Senior Vice Presidents. 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 March 4, 2005

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99.1 Press release dated March 4, 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**

March 10, 2005

(Date)

TERRY M. MURPHY

Senior Vice President - Finance and Chief Financial Officer

Quanex Corporation Announces Corporate Management Promotions

HOUSTON, March 4, 2005 (PRIMEZONE) -- Quanex Corporation (NYSE:NX), an industry-leading manufacturer of value-added engineered materials and components for the Vehicular Products and Building Products markets, announced today that three Vice Presidents have been promoted to Senior Vice Presidents.

Terry M. Murphy, 56, joined Quanex as Vice President - Finance and Chief Financial Officer in July 1999. Mr. Murphy has a BS from the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse, an MBA in Finance from Marquette University and JD from Seton Hall Law School. Mr. Murphy is also a CPA.

Michael R. Bayles, 53, joined Quanex as Vice President of Strategic Planning and Business Development in May 2001 and was named President of Building Products in March 2003. Mr. Bayles has a BS from the University of Missouri and an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh.

Kevin Delaney, 43, joined Quanex as Vice President - General Counsel and Secretary in July 2003. Mr. Delaney graduated from Austin College with a BA in Political Science and received his JD from Baylor University of Law.

"These gentlemen have played an instrumental role in executing the Quanex Game Plan," said Raymond A. Jean, Quanex Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "I expect continued success from their efforts as we take the Company to the next level."

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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