FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Korb Brent L | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol QUANEX CORP [NX] | | | | | | | | (Check | all app Dired | olicable) | | ssuer Owner (specify |
|--|---|--|--------|----------|---|---|--|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|------------------|---|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH SUITE 1500 | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/03/2006 | | | | | | | | | X | belo | w) ` | below ate Controller | ')` |
| (Street) HOUSTON TX 77027 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/ | | | | | | Execution Date, | | Date, | Transaction Disposed O | | | es Acquired (A) o Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a | | and 5) Sec Ben | | ount of ities icially d Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) o (D) | Price | | Trans | action(s) 3 and 4) | | (mou. 4) | | |
| Common | 2006 07/05 | | 7/05/2 | 006 | J ⁽¹⁾ | | 8.015 | A | \$43. | 0467 | 7 2,427.765 | | D | | | | | |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | Derivative Conversion Date Execution Conversion Operation (Month/Day/Year) Factorial Execution (Month/Day/Year) | | | on Date, | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Nui of Deriving Securing Acquing (A) or Disposion (Instriand 5 | ative rities ired osed | 6. Date Expirat (Month | tion Da /Day/Y | Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instand 4) Amoor Num Of | | at of ties ying tive ty (Instr. 3 | nt er | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares acquired through Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

John J. Mannion, Power of <u>Attorney</u>

07/05/2006

** 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 4 (b)(v).
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