

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>BARGER DONALD G JR</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) 1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH SUITE 1500 <hr/> (Street) HOUSTON TX 77027 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>QUANEX CORP [NX]</u>		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/28/2006			
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			
			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			

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	04/28/2006		M		4,500	A	\$9.6389	15,294.9945	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2006		M		6,750	A	\$12.2778	22,044.9945	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2006		S		300	D	\$42.52	21,744.9945	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2006		S		1,200	D	\$42.55	20,544.9945	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2006		S		250	D	\$42.58	20,294.9945	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2006		S		1,500	D	\$42.6	18,794.9945	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2006		S		100	D	\$42.62	18,694.9945	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2006		S		900	D	\$42.64	17,794.9945	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2006		S		1,000	D	\$42.65	16,794.9945	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2006		S		1,500	D	\$42.7	15,294.9945	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2006		S		2,000	D	\$42.75	13,294.9945	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2006		S		300	D	\$42.88	12,994.9945	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2006		S		1,700	D	\$42.9	11,294.9945	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2006		S		100	D	\$42.91	11,194.9945	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2006		S		400	D	\$42.92	10,794.9945	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2006		S		400	D	\$43	10,394.9945	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2006		S		500	D	\$43.04	9,894.9945	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2006		S		1,000	D	\$43.05	8,894.9945	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2006		S		100	D	\$43.06	8,794.9945	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2006		S		181	D	\$43.11	8,613.9945	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2006		S		500	D	\$43.15	8,113.9945	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2006		S		2,300	D	\$43.2	5,813.9945	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2006		S		1,000	D	\$43.25	4,813.9945	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2006		S		300	D	\$43.28	4,513.9945	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2006		S		500	D	\$43.31	4,013.9945	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V		(A)	(D)						Date Exercisable
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$9.6389	04/28/2006		M		4,500	(I)	10/31/2009	Common Stock	4,500	\$0	0	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$12.2778	04/28/2006		M		6,750	(I)	10/31/2007	Common Stock	6,750	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The option becomes 100% exercisable in 6 months from date of grant.

John J. Mannion, Power of Attorney.

05/01/2006

** 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).

** 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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