FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BAYLES MICHAEL R						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol QUANEX CORP [NX]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH SUITE 1500						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2006								X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior VP-Building Prod. Group				
(Street) HOUSTON TX 77027			77027		4. 1	4. If Amendment, Date of				of Original Filed (Month/Da				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Po				n
(City) (State) (Zip)			-	Person Person											lung			
		Tak	ole I - N	on-Deri	vativ	e Se	curities	s Ac	quire	d, Di	sposed o	f, or Be	neficia	ally Owned	ŀ			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transacti Date (Month/Day						Execution Date,			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			Benefici Owned I	es ally Following	Form:	: Direct Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 03/31/20						04/03/2006		J ⁽¹⁾		7.268	A	\$44.19	29,22	7.8696 ⁽²⁾		D		
			Table II								posed of, convertil			y Owned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deen Execution if any (Month/E	n Date,	4. Transa Code (8)				6. Date Exercisable an Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		ite	7. Title and Amo of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative Security	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ily	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	able	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares	r				
Phantom Stock Units ⁽³⁾	\$0 ⁽⁴⁾	03/31/2006			A		76.313		(5)		(5)	Common Stock	76.31	3 \$44.42	28,324.338	85 ⁽²⁾	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$14.2222								12/05/2	2003	12/04/2012	Common Stock	18,75	0	18,750)	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$17.6								12/04/2	2004	12/03/2013	Common Stock	20,70	0	20,700		D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$26.3111								12/01/2	2005	12/01/2014	Common Stock	32,62	5	32,625	5	D	
Stock Options (Right to	\$40.9467								12/01/2	2006	12/01/2015	Common	22,35	0	22,350		D	

Explanation of Responses:

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- 1. Acquired through Quanex Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- 2. Balances have been changed to reflect the 3 for 2 stock split effective 03/31/06.
- 3. Units that are credited to the participant's account under the Quanex Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan as a result of Dividend Reinvestment.
- 4. Conversion price is 1-for-1.
- 5. All units credited under the Deferred Compensation Plan are 100% vested at all times; provided, however, that if a participant receives a benefit from the Deferred Compensation Plan for any reason other than death, disability or retirement within three years after a deferral is credited to a participant's account, any matching awards made by the Company with respect to such deferral will be forfeited. Distributions under the Deferred Compensation Plan are made beginning on a specified date selected bythe participant or upon a participant's death, disability, or termination of employment.

John J. Mannion, Power of 04/03/2006 <u>Attorney</u>

** 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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