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 [*] GIDDENS PAUL J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>QUANEX CORP</u> [NX]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/30/2003	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Vice President-Human Resources
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	—	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/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	tion Date, Transaction Code (Instr		4. Securities A Disposed Of			Securities Beneficially	Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	06/30/2003	07/03/2003	J ⁽¹⁾		0.558	Α	29.9995	99.111	D	
Common Stock	07/01/2003	07/03/2003	J ⁽²⁾		7.601	Α	30.2563	106.712	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)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (8)		of Deriv Secur Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr	5. Number of Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		7. Title Amouri Securi Underi Deriva Securi and 4)	nt of ties ying tive ty (Instr. 3	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	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

1. Acquired through Quanex Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

2. Shares acquired through Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

Terry M. Murphy

07/03/2003

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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