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### 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. Nume and Address of Reporting Leson			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) 1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH SUITE 1500		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2006	X	Officer (give title below) Senior VP-Corporat	Other (specify below) e Secretary		
(Street) HOUSTON (City)	TX (State)	77027 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicat 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/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code ( 8)		4. Securities Disposed Of			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(	
Common Stock	08/01/2006	08/02/2006	<b>J</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		6.412	Α	\$35.8699	16,518.6145	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)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/N	7. Title and Amount of Securities 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	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Shares acquired through Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

#### John J. Mannion, Power of

<u>Attorney</u>

08/02/2006

\*\* 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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