

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>BARGER DONALD G JR</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH SUITE 1500  (Street) HOUSTON TX 77027  (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) 08/29/2006	
	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			

**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. 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 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
Phantom Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0 <sup>(2)</sup>	08/29/2006		A		35.461		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	35.461	\$35.25	12,764.203	D	
Phantom Stock Units <sup>(4)</sup>	\$0 <sup>(2)</sup>	08/29/2006		A		7.092		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	7.092	\$35.25	12,771.295	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$8.8055							10/31/2000	10/31/2010	Common Stock	4,500		4,500	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$11.5333							10/31/2001	10/31/2011	Common Stock	4,500		4,500	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$15.7955							10/31/2002	10/31/2012	Common Stock	4,500		4,500	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$17.8							10/31/2003	10/31/2013	Common Stock	4,500		4,500	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$22.5333							10/31/2004	10/31/2014	Common Stock	4,500		4,500	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$38.6067							10/31/2005	10/31/2015	Common Stock	3,042		3,042	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Units that are credited to the participants account under the Quanex Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan as a result of the participant's deferral of income or fees, as the case may be.
- Conversion price is 1-for-1.
- 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 by the participant or upon a participant's death, disability, or termination of employment.
- Represents units credited to a participant's account under the Deferred Compensation Plan as a result of the Company's 20% matching award of the participant's deferral of income or fees, as the case may be.

John J. Mannion, Power of Attorney

08/30/2006

\*\* 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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Quanex Corporation

Power of Attorney

The undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Thomas M. Walker, Brent Korb and John J. Mannion his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and re-substitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to complete and sign all Form 4s and Form 5s relating to equity securities of Quanex Corporation and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto or documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the New York Stock Exchange and Quanex Corporation, granting to said attorney-in-fact and agent, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent, or substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Executed this 24th day of August 2006.

/s/ Donald G. Barger, Jr.

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