

QUANEX CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
JEAN RAYMOND A

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
VARLEN CORP, 55 SHUMAN  
BLVD PO BOX 3089  
(Street)

NAPERVILLE, IL 60566

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
QUANEX CORP [nx]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/26/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chairman, CEO and President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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	09/26/2005		M		18,800	A	\$ 17.3333
Common Stock	09/26/2005		M		1,200	A	\$ 12.1667
Common Stock	09/26/2005		S		200	D	\$ 61.79
Common Stock	09/26/2005		S		200	D	\$ 61.78
Common Stock	09/26/2005		S		100	D	\$ 61.74

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Common Stock	09/26/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 61.73	139,550	D
Common Stock	09/26/2005	S	200	D	\$ 61.66	139,350	D
Common Stock	09/26/2005	S	1,300	D	\$ 61.65	138,050	D
Common Stock	09/26/2005	S	100	D	\$ 61.63	137,950	D
Common Stock	09/26/2005	S	800	D	\$ 61.62	137,150	D
Common Stock	09/26/2005	S	500	D	\$ 61.61	136,650	D
Common Stock	09/26/2005	S	600	D	\$ 61.6	136,050	D
Common Stock	09/26/2005	S	100	D	\$ 61.56	135,950	D
Common Stock	09/26/2005	S	700	D	\$ 61.55	135,250	D
Common Stock	09/26/2005	S	2,000	D	\$ 61.5	133,250	D
Common Stock	09/26/2005	S	100	D	\$ 61.48	133,150	D
Common Stock	09/26/2005	S	200	D	\$ 61.47	132,950	D
Common Stock	09/26/2005	S	300	D	\$ 61.46	132,650	D
Common Stock	09/26/2005	S	5,100	D	\$ 61.45	127,550	D
Common Stock	09/26/2005	S	100	D	\$ 61.44	127,450	D
Common Stock	09/26/2005	S	200	D	\$ 61.43	127,250	D
Common Stock	09/26/2005	S	300	D	\$ 61.4	126,950	D
Common Stock	09/26/2005	S	600	D	\$ 61.39	126,350	D
Common Stock	09/26/2005	S	100	D	\$ 61.38	126,250	D
Common Stock	09/26/2005	S	100	D	\$ 61.36	126,150	D
	09/26/2005	S	600	D	\$ 61.35	125,550	D

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Common Stock							
Common Stock	09/26/2005		S	200	D	\$ 61.33	125,350 D
Common Stock	09/26/2005		S	900	D	\$ 61.32	124,450 D
Common Stock	09/26/2005		S	1,000	D	\$ 61.31	123,450 D
Common Stock	09/26/2005		S	1,000	D	\$ 61.3	122,450 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 17.3333	09/26/2005		M <sup>(1)</sup>	18,800	10/23/2002	10/23/2011	Common Stock	18,800
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 12.1667	09/26/2005		M <sup>(1)</sup>	1,200	02/22/2002	02/22/2011	Common Stock	1,200

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JEAN RAYMOND A VARLEN CORP			Chairman, CEO and	

55 SHUMAN BLVD PO BOX 3089  
NAPERVILLE, IL 60566

President

## Signatures

Raymond A. Jean by Terry M.  
Murphy

09/28/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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).

(1) Options exercised under the Quanex Corporation 1996 Employee Stock Option Plan.

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