

BAYLES MICHAEL R  
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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 \*  
**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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH, SUITE 1500**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**04/25/2006**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Senior VP-Building Prod. Group**

**HOUSTON, TX 77027**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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	04/25/2006		M		3,325	A	\$ 17.6
Common Stock	04/25/2006		M		10,875	A	\$ 26.3111
Common Stock	04/25/2006		S		100	D	\$ 45.5
Common Stock	04/25/2006		S		200	D	\$ 45.52
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Common Stock	04/25/2006	S	300	D	\$ 45.55	42,727.8696	D
Common Stock	04/25/2006	S	100	D	\$ 45.56	42,627.8696	D
Common Stock	04/25/2006	S	200	D	\$ 45.57	42,427.8696	D
Common Stock	04/25/2006	S	300	D	\$ 45.58	42,127.8696	D
Common Stock	04/25/2006	S	200	D	\$ 45.59	41,927.8696	D
Common Stock	04/25/2006	S	3,600	D	\$ 45.61	38,327.8696	D
Common Stock	04/25/2006	S	500	D	\$ 45.62	37,827.8696	D
Common Stock	04/25/2006	S	300	D	\$ 45.63	37,527.8696	D
Common Stock	04/25/2006	S	1,100	D	\$ 45.65	36,427.8696	D
Common Stock	04/25/2006	S	700	D	\$ 45.66	35,727.8696	D
Common Stock	04/25/2006	S	200	D	\$ 45.67	35,527.8696	D
Common Stock	04/25/2006	S	400	D	\$ 45.68	35,127.8696	D
Common Stock	04/25/2006	S	1,400	D	\$ 45.69	33,727.8696	D
Common Stock	04/25/2006	S	1,100	D	\$ 45.7	32,627.8696	D
Common Stock	04/25/2006	S	700	D	\$ 45.71	31,927.8696	D
Common Stock	04/25/2006	S	100	D	\$ 45.72	31,827.8696	D
Common Stock	04/25/2006	S	900	D	\$ 45.74	30,927.8696	D
Common Stock	04/25/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 45.79	29,927.8696	D
Common Stock	04/25/2006	S	100	D	\$ 45.8	29,827.8696	D
Common Stock	04/25/2006	S	500	D	\$ 45.82	29,327.8696	D
	04/25/2006	S	100	D	\$ 45.84	29,227.8696	D

Common  
Stock

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 17.6	04/25/2006		M	3,325	<sup>(1)</sup> 12/03/2013	Common Stock	3,325
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 26.3111	04/25/2006		M	10,875	<sup>(1)</sup> 12/01/2014	Common Stock	10,875

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BAYLES MICHAEL R 1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH SUITE 1500 HOUSTON, TX 77027			Senior VP-Building Prod. Group	

## Signatures

John J. Mannion, Power of Attorney  
04/26/2006

\_\_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) The option becomes exercisable in one third increments annually beginning one year from date of grant.

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