

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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MURPHY TERRY M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH, SUITE 1500

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77027

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/08/2005

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)

Senior VP-Finance and CFO

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	03/08/2005		M		5,000 A \$ 21.3333	20,819.9935	D
Common Stock	03/08/2005		S		4,600 D \$ 61.5	16,219.9935	D
Common Stock	03/08/2005		S		400 D \$ 61.72	15,819.9935	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			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					Acquired (A) or	Disposed of (D)	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Title
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 12.125							10/27/2000	10/26/2010	Common Stock	37,500
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 17.3333							10/24/2002	10/23/2011	Common Stock	37,500
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 21.3333	03/08/2005		M <sup>(1)</sup>		5,000		12/05/2003	12/04/2012	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 26.4							12/04/2004	12/03/2013	Common Stock	15,750
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 39.4667							12/01/2005	12/01/2014	Common Stock	21,150
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0							12/31/2004	08/08/1988	Common Stock	27,812.7

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MURPHY TERRY M 1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH SUITE 1500			Senior VP-Finance and CFO	

HOUSTON, TX 77027

## Signatures

Terry M  
Murphy

03/09/2005

\_\_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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