**QUANEX CORP** 

Form 4

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# FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JEAN RAYMOND A			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  OUANEX CORP [nx]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last) (First) (Midd		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
VARLEN CORP, 55 SHUMAN			09/26/2005	X Officer (give title Other (specify		
BLVD PO BO	OX 3089			below) below) Chairman, CEO and President		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
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#### NAPERVILLE, IL 60566

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acquii	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactiomr Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	09/26/2005		M	18,800	A	\$ 17.3333	139,850	D	
Common Stock	09/26/2005		M	1,200	A	\$ 12.1667	141,050	D	
Common Stock	09/26/2005		S	200	D	\$ 61.79	140,850	D	
Common Stock	09/26/2005		S	200	D	\$ 61.78	140,650	D	
Common Stock	09/26/2005		S	100	D	\$ 61.74	140,550	D	

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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

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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)	onDerivative		onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		sactionDerivative e Securities r. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		6. Date Exercise Expiration Date (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and L Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				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 <u>(1)</u>		18,800	10/23/2002	10/23/2011	Common Stock	18,800				
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 12.1667	09/26/2005		M <u>(1)</u>		1,200	02/22/2002	02/22/2011	Common Stock	1,200				

# **Reporting Owners**

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

Reporting Owners 3 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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