

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 \*  
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)  
03/15/2006

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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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                    | 03/15/2006                           |  | M                              |   | 7,500   | A  | \$ 12.125   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/15/2006                           |  | M                              |   | 7,500   | A  | \$ 17.3333  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/15/2006                           |  | M                              |   | 12,500  | A  | \$ 21.3333  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/15/2006                           |  | S                              |   | 300   | D  | \$ 64.13  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/15/2006                           |  | S                              |   | 600   | D  | \$ 64.14  |

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|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|-------------|---|
| Common Stock | 03/15/2006 | S | 200   | D | \$ 64.15 | 42,318.8675 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2006 | S | 100   | D | \$ 64.16 | 42,218.8675 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2006 | S | 500   | D | \$ 64.19 | 41,718.8675 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2006 | S | 300   | D | \$ 64.2  | 41,418.8675 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2006 | S | 1,600 | D | \$ 64.26 | 39,818.8675 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2006 | S | 100   | D | \$ 64.27 | 39,718.8675 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2006 | S | 100   | D | \$ 64.31 | 39,618.8675 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2006 | S | 200   | D | \$ 64.35 | 39,418.8675 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2006 | S | 300   | D | \$ 64.36 | 39,118.8675 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2006 | S | 100   | D | \$ 64.38 | 39,018.8675 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2006 | S | 400   | D | \$ 64.4  | 38,618.8675 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2006 | S | 300   | D | \$ 64.43 | 38,318.8675 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2006 | S | 300   | D | \$ 64.45 | 38,018.8675 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2006 | S | 100   | D | \$ 64.46 | 37,918.8675 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2006 | S | 1,300 | D | \$ 64.47 | 36,618.8675 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2006 | S | 200   | D | \$ 64.48 | 36,418.8675 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2006 | S | 100   | D | \$ 64.49 | 36,318.8675 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2006 | S | 100   | D | \$ 64.53 | 36,218.8675 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2006 | S | 500   | D | \$ 64.56 | 35,718.8675 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2006 | S | 2,000 | D | \$ 64.57 | 33,718.8675 | D |
|              | 03/15/2006 | S | 900   | D | \$ 64.6  | 32,818.8675 | D |

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|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|-------------|---|
| Common Stock |            |   |       |   |          |             |   |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2006 | S | 200   | D | \$ 64.61 | 32,618.8675 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2006 | S | 100   | D | \$ 64.64 | 32,518.8675 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2006 | S | 200   | D | \$ 64.66 | 32,318.8675 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2006 | S | 3,000 | D | \$ 64.71 | 29,318.8675 | 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 12.125  | 03/15/2006                           |  | M                              | 7,500   | <u>(1)</u> 10/26/2010                                    | Common Stock  | 7,500                         |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 17.3333   | 03/15/2006                           |  | M                              | 7,500   | <u>(1)</u> 10/23/2011                                    | Common Stock  | 7,500                         |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 21.3333   | 03/15/2006                           |  | M                              | 12,500  | <u>(1)</u> 12/04/2012                                    | Common Stock  | 12,500                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                           |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |
| MURPHY TERRY M<br>1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH<br>SUITE 1500<br>HOUSTON, TX 77027 |               |           | Senior VP-Finance and CFO |       |

## Signatures

|                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| John J. Mannion, Power of<br>Attorney | 03/16/2006 |
| **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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