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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Mannion John J			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)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH, SUITE 1500			(Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2006	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP-Treasurer		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Ched		
HOUSTON, TX 77027			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative Securities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if		4. Securities Acquired (A) oner Disposed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficially Owned Following	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	03/31/2006	04/03/2006	Code V $J_{(1)}$	Amount (D) Price 0.141 A \$ 44.1947	2,301.972 (2)	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)

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Securities	Expiration Date Underly		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units (3)	\$ 0 (4)	03/31/2006		A	4.428	<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	4.428
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 20.0222					08/30/2005	08/30/2015	Common Stock	7,500
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 26.3111					12/01/2005	12/01/2014	Common Stock	11,250
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 40.9467					12/01/2006	12/01/2015	Common Stock	3,450

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Mannion John J

1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH SUITE 1500

VP-Treasurer

HOUSTON, TX 77027

Signatures

John J Mannion 04/03/2006

**Signature of 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).
- (4) Conversion price is 1-for-1.
- (2) Balances have been changed to reflect the 3 for 2 stock split effective 03/31/06.

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- (1) Acquired through Quanex Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
 - All units credited under the Deferred Compensation Plan are 100% vested at all times; provided, however, that if a participant receives a benefit from the Deferred Compensation Plan for any reason other than death, disability or retirement within three years after a deferral is
- (5) credited to a participant's account, any matching awards made by the Company with respect to such deferral will be forfeited. Distributions under the Deferred Compensation Plan are made beginning on a specified date selected bythe participant or upon a participant's death, disability, or termination of employment.
- (3) Units that are credited to the participant's account under the Quanex Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan as a result of Dividend Reinvestment.

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