

Mannion John J
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FORM 4

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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 *
 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)
 1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH, SUITE 1500
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/01/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP-Treasurer

HOUSTON, TX 77027

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	12/01/2005		A		500	A	\$ 0
Common Stock	12/01/2005	12/02/2005	J ⁽¹⁾		3.731	A	\$ 61.6481
					1,519.151	D	
					1,522.882	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Am. Num. Sha
Phantom Stock Units ⁽²⁾	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾	12/02/2005		A	1,089.113	⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock	1,089
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 30.0333					08/30/2005	Common Stock	3,033
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 39.4667					12/01/2005	Common Stock	3,947
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 61.42	12/01/2005		A	2,300	12/01/2006 ⁽⁵⁾	Common Stock	2,300

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Mannion John J 1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH SUITE 1500 HOUSTON, TX 77027			VP-Treasurer	

Signatures

Terry M. Murphy, Power of Attorney 12/05/2005

**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) Shares acquired through Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Conversion price is 1-for-1.

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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

- (4) 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 by the participant or upon a participant's death, disability, or termination of employment.
- (5) The option becomes exercisable in one third increments annually beginning one year from date of grant.
- (2) Units that are credited to the participants account under the Quanex Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan as a result of the participant's deferral of income or fees, as the case may be.

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