

BARGER DONALD G JR  
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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 \*  
**BARGER DONALD G JR**

(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)  
**12/30/2005**

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)

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Amount  |  |  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   |  |  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | Amount  |  |  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (D)   | Price   |  |  |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 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) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
|                                 |                           |                                      |                                   |                     |                                    |  |   |

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| (Instr. 3)                               | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Phantom<br>Stock<br>Units <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>                | 12/30/2005       | A          | 23.697   |      |   |     |     | <sup>(3)</sup>      | <sup>(3)</sup>     | Common<br>Stock | 23.697                              |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>buy)    | \$ 11.25                           |                  |            |  |      |   |     |     | 05/01/1999          | 10/30/2008         | Common<br>Stock | 3,000                               |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>buy)    | \$ 13.2083                         |                  |            |  |      |   |     |     | 10/31/2000          | 10/31/2010         | Common<br>Stock | 3,000                               |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>buy)    | \$ 14.4583                         |                  |            |  |      |   |     |     | 05/01/2000          | 10/31/2009         | Common<br>Stock | 3,000                               |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>buy)    | \$ 17.3                            |                  |            |  |      |   |     |     | 10/31/2001          | 10/31/2011         | Common<br>Stock | 3,000                               |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>buy)    | \$ 18.4167                         |                  |            |  |      |   |     |     | 05/01/1998          | 10/31/2007         | Common<br>Stock | 4,500                               |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>buy)    | \$ 19                              |                  |            |  |      |   |     |     | 05/01/1997          | 10/31/2006         | Common<br>Stock | 4,500                               |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>buy)    | \$ 23.6933                         |                  |            |  |      |   |     |     | 10/31/2002          | 10/31/2012         | Common<br>Stock | 3,000                               |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>buy)    | \$ 26.7                            |                  |            |  |      |   |     |     | 10/31/2003          | 10/31/2013         | Common<br>Stock | 3,000                               |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to            | \$ 33.8                            |                  |            |  |      |   |     |     | 10/31/2004          | 10/31/2014         | Common<br>Stock | 3,000                               |

buy)  
 Stock  
 Options (Right to buy) \$ 57.91  
 10/31/2005 10/31/2015 Common Stock 2,028

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BARGER DONALD G JR<br>1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH<br>SUITE 1500<br>HOUSTON, TX 77027 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

John J. Mannion, Power of Attorney  
 01/03/2006  
\*\*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).
- (2) Conversion price is 1-for-1.  
 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 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.
- (1) 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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