

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 \*  
**WELLEK RICHARD L**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**VARLEN CORP, 55 SHUMAN  
BLVD PO BOX 3089**

(Street)

**NAPERVILLE, IL 60566**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**QUANEX CORP [nx]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**09/24/2006**

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)	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)	8. Price of Underlying Securities
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	(Instr. 10)
Phantom Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>	09/24/2006	A	41.528					<sup>(3)</sup>	<sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	41.528	\$
Phantom Stock Units <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>	09/24/2006	A	8.306					<sup>(3)</sup>	<sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	8.306	\$

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WELLEK RICHARD L VARLEN CORP 55 SHUMAN BLVD PO BOX 3089 NAPERVILLE, IL 60566	X			

## Signatures

Richard L. Wellek by John J. Mannion,  
POA 09/26/2006

\_\_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) Units that are credited to the participant's account under the Quanex Corp. Deferred Compensation Plan as a result of the participant's deferral of income or fees, as the case may be.
- (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.
- (3) Distributions under the Deferred Compensation Plan are made beginning on a specific date selected by the participant or upon a participant's death, disability or termination of employment.
- (4) Represents units credited to a participant's account under the Deferred Compensation Plan as a result of the company's 20% matching award of the participant's deferral of income or fees, as the case may be.

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