

QUANEX CORP  
Form 4  
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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)  
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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 1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH SUITE 1500 HOUSTON, TX 77027			Senior VP-Finance and CFO	

## Signatures

John J. Mannion, Power of 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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