

MURPHY TERRY M  
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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

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/17/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Senior VP-Finance and CFO

(Street)  
HOUSTON, TX 77027

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	01/17/2006		M		15,000	A	\$ 12.125
Common Stock	01/17/2006		M		15,000	A	\$ 17.3333
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S		6,100	D	\$ 59.61
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S		2,400	D	\$ 59.63
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 59.64

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Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	2,800	D	\$ 59.65	33,618.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	1,100	D	\$ 59.66	32,518.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	4,900	D	\$ 59.67	27,618.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 59.68	26,618.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	2,600	D	\$ 59.69	24,018.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	200	D	\$ 59.7	23,818.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	600	D	\$ 59.71	23,218.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	800	D	\$ 59.72	22,418.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 59.73	21,418.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 59.74	20,418.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	100	D	\$ 59.75	20,318.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	700	D	\$ 59.77	19,618.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	100	D	\$ 59.78	19,518.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	300	D	\$ 59.81	19,218.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	100	D	\$ 59.82	19,118.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	100	D	\$ 60.02	19,018.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	600	D	\$ 60.05	18,418.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	500	D	\$ 60.08	17,918.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	100	D	\$ 60.17	17,818.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	200	D	\$ 60.18	17,618.8675	D
	01/17/2006	S	1,700	D	\$ 62	15,918.8675	D

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Common  
Stock

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)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0					(1)	(1)	Common Stock	26,504.
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 21.3333					12/04/2003	12/04/2012	Common Stock	17,50
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 26.4					12/03/2004	12/03/2013	Common Stock	6,750
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 39.4667					12/01/2005	12/01/2014	Common Stock	14,10
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 12.125	01/17/2006		M <sup>(2)</sup>	15,000	10/26/2001	10/26/2010	Common Stock	15,00
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 17.3333	01/17/2006		M <sup>(2)</sup>	15,000	10/23/2002	10/23/2011	Common Stock	15,00

