

MURPHY TERRY M  
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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)  
09/01/2005

\_\_\_\_ 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)  
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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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	09/01/2005		M		10,000	A	\$ 21.3333	25,871.1895	D	
Common Stock	09/01/2005		M		2,250	A	\$ 26.4	28,121.1895	D	
Common Stock	09/01/2005	09/02/2005	J <sup>(1)</sup>		7.285	A	\$ 63.143	28,128.4745	D	
Common Stock	09/01/2005		S		3,750	D	\$ 63.1	24,378.4745	D	
Common Stock	09/01/2005		S		900	D	\$ 63.25	23,478.4745	D	

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Common Stock	09/01/2005	S	200	D	\$ 63.32	23,278.4745	D
Common Stock	09/01/2005	S	400	D	\$ 63.35	22,878.4745	D
Common Stock	09/01/2005	S	600	D	\$ 63.41	22,278.4745	D
Common Stock	09/01/2005	S	5,300	D	\$ 63.43	16,978.4745	D
Common Stock	09/01/2005	S	100	D	\$ 63.46	16,878.4745	D
Common Stock	09/01/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 63.5	15,878.4745	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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount of Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0					12/07/2000 08/08/1988	Common Stock 27,950.
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 12.125					10/27/2000 10/26/2010	Common Stock 37,50
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 17.3333					10/24/2002 10/23/2011	Common Stock 37,50
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 39.4667					12/01/2005 12/01/2014	Common Stock 21,15

buy)

Stock

Options  
(Right to  
buy)

\$ 21.3333

09/01/2005

M<sup>(2)</sup>

10,000

12/04/2003

12/04/2012

Common  
Stock

10,000

Stock

Options  
(Right to  
buy)

\$ 26.4

09/01/2005

M<sup>(2)</sup>

2,250

12/03/2004

12/03/2013

Common  
Stock

2,250

## 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

Terry M  
Murphy

09/02/2005

\*\*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.

(2) Options exercised under the Quanex Corporation 1996 Employee Stock Option Plan.

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