MURPHY TERRY M

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MURPHY TERRY M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

QUANEX CORP [NX]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Director X_ Officer (give title 10% Owner

1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH, SUITE

(Street)

1500

(Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2004

Symbol

below)

Other (specify below)

Vice President & CFO

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

HOUSTON, TX 77027

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Common Stock

12/01/2004

A 3,000 Α \$0

10,517.777 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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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	Amoun Number Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 18.1875					10/27/2000	10/26/2010	Common Stock	25,0
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 21.125					10/21/2000	10/20/2009	Common Stock	4,0
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 26					10/24/2002	10/23/2011	Common Stock	25,0
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 32					12/05/2003	12/04/2012	Common Stock	25,0
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 39.6					12/04/2004	12/03/2013	Common Stock	13,:
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 59.2	12/01/2004		A	14,100	12/01/2005(1)	12/01/2014	Common Stock	14,
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0					09/30/2004	08/08/1988	Common Stock	12,16

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MURPHY TERRY M 1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH SUITE 1500 HOUSTON, TX 77027			Vice President & CFO				

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Terry M Murphy 12/02/2004

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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- * 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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