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(Print or Type	Responses)								
	Address of Reporting DONALD G JR	Person <u>*</u>	Symbol	er Name an IEX COR		Trading	Issuer	of Reporting Per eck all applicable	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH, SUITE 1500			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/02/2004			X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)			Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by	 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 		
	N, TX 77027						Person		porting
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		ole I - Non-J			cquired, Disposed		-
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemo Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 Amount	(A) or of (D)	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)
Reminder: Re	port on a separate line	e for each cl	ass of sec	urities bene	ficially ow	ned directly	or indirectly		
	pert on a separate mit				Perso inforn requir	ns who res nation cont red to resp nys a curre	spond to the colle tained in this form ond unless the fo ntly valid OMB co	n are not orm	SEC 1474 (9-02)

 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration	7. Title and Amount of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onof	Date	Underlying Securities
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Derivative	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Securities 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
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 16.875				05/01/1999	10/30/2008	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 19.8125				10/31/2000	10/31/2010	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 21.6875				05/01/2000	10/31/2009	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 25.95				10/31/2001	10/31/2011	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 27.625				05/01/1998	10/31/2007	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 28.5				05/01/1997	10/31/2006	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 35.54				10/31/2002	10/31/2012	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 40.05				10/31/2003	10/31/2013	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 50.7				10/31/2004	10/31/2014	Common Stock	2,000

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Phantom Stock Units <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0 <u>(2)</u>	12/02/2004	А	135	12/02/2004(3)	08/08/1988 <u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	135
Phantom Stock Units (4)	\$ 0 <u>(2)</u>	12/02/2004	А	28	12/02/2004 <u>(3)</u>	08/08/1988 <u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	28

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BARGER DONALD G JR 1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH SUITE 1500 HOUSTON, TX 77027	Х						
Signatures							
Terry M. Murphy, Power of Attorney		12/06/200)4				
**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 participants account under the Quanex Corporation 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

- (3) credited to a participant's account, any matching awards made by the Company with respect to such deferral will be forfeited. Distributions under the Deferred Compensation Plan are made beginning on a specified 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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