Korb Brent L Form 4 February 25, 2005

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Form 5 obligations may continue.

See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Korb Brent L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

QUANEX CORP [nx]

(Middle) (Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2005

1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH-SUITE

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

Vice President-Corp.Controller

6. Ownership

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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

Person

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year)

HOUSTON, TX 77027

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

4. Securities

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Form: Direct (T) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Securities Security or Exercise Code (Month/Day/Year) any

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration

Title Date

> Number of Shares

or

Amount

Stock

Options (Right to buy)

\$53.07 02/01/2005 02/24/2005

3,500 A

02/01/2005(1) 02/01/2015

Common

3,500 Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Korb Brent L

1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH-SUITE 1500 HOUSTON, TX 77027

Vice President-Corp.Controller

Signatures

Brent L. Korb by Terry M. Murphy, **POA**

02/25/2005

**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) The option becomes exercisable in one third increments annually beginning one year from date of grant.

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