QUANEX CORP Form 4 February 24, 2006

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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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 * WELLEK RICHARD L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

QUANEX CORP [NX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Month/Day/Year)

1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH, SUITE 1500

02/23/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original (Street)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

HOUSTON, TX 77027

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7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Indirect

0.5

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

below)

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

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership TransactionAcquired (A) or Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Form: Direct (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned (I) (Instr. 4) Following

> Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, a 5)	(D)				
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Phantom Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 (2)	02/23/2006		A	206.244		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	206.24
Phantom Stock Units (4)	\$ 0 (2)	02/23/2006		A	41.249		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	41.249
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 26.7						10/31/2003	10/31/2013	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 30.7467						09/01/2004	09/01/2014	Common Stock	9,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 33.8						10/31/2004	10/31/2014	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 57.91						10/31/2005	10/31/2015	Common Stock	2,028

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
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WELLEK RICHARD L 1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH SUITE 1500 HOUSTON, TX 77027	X						
Signatures							
John J. Mannion, Power of Attorney		02/24/2006					
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date					

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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).
- (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 bythe participant or upon a participant's death, disability, or termination of employment.
- (1) 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.
- (4) 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.

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