UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)

OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED): AUGUST 27, 2003

QUANEX CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 1-5725

(Commission File No.)

38-1872178 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1900 West Loop South, Suite 1500, Houston, Texas 77027 (Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (713) 961-4600

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Item 7. Financial Statements, ProForma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(a) Financial statements of businesses acquired.

Not applicable.

(b) Pro forma financial information.

Not applicable.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated August 27, 2003, announcing third quarter 2003 results.

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

This information shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

On August 27, 2003, Quanex Corporation issued a press release (the Press Release) reporting its earnings results for the third quarter ended July 31, 2003. The foregoing is qualified by reference to the Press Release which is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

QUANEX CORPORATION

Date: August 27, 2003

By:

/s/ Terry M. Murphy Terry M. Murphy Vice President - Finance and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

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