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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ROSS JOSEPH J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

QUANEX CORP [NX]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

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

1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH, SUITE

(Street)

1500

4. If Amendment, Date Original

12/31/2004

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Instr. 8)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

HOUSTON, TX 77027

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

(A) or

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Reported Transaction(s)

(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 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration 7. Title and Amount Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Date Underlying Securitie 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) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 17.3				10/31/2001	10/31/2011	Common Stock	3,00
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 23.6933				10/31/2002	10/31/2012	Common Stock	3,00
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 23.9				05/23/2003	05/22/2012	Common Stock	9,00
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 26.7				10/31/2003	10/31/2013	Common Stock	3,00
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 33.8				10/31/2004	10/31/2014	Common Stock	3,00
Phantom Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 (2)	12/31/2004	A	18.36	12/31/2004(3)	08/08/1988 <u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	18.3

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
ROSS JOSEPH J						
1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH	X					
SUITE 1500	Λ					
HOUSTON, TX 77027						

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Signatures

Terry M. Murphy, Power of Attorney

01/04/2005

**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) Units that are credited to the participant's account under the Quanex Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan as a result of Dividend Reinvestment.
- (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.
- (4) Balances have been changed to reflect the 3 for 2 stock split effective 12/31/04.

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