

BALLOU ROBERT C
Form 4
January 10, 2005

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BALLOU ROBERT C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH, SUITE
1500

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77027

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

QUANEX CORP [NX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

12/01/2004

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

President - Vehicular Products

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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)
			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 Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (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	Amount	Number of Shares	Acquired or Disposed of
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 21.3333						12/05/2003	12/04/2012	Common Stock	1		
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 24						07/30/2003	07/30/2012	Common Stock	1		
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 26.4						12/04/2004	12/03/2013	Common Stock	1		
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 39.4667						12/01/2005	12/01/2014	Common Stock	1		
Phantom Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾	12/01/2004	A		2,128.38		12/01/2004 ⁽³⁾	08/08/1988 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	2		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BALLOU ROBERT C 1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH SUITE 1500 HOUSTON, TX 77027				President - Vehicular Products

Signatures

Terry M. Murphy, Power of
Attorney

01/10/2005

__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 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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(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.

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