MURPHY TERRY M

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

Form 5 obligations may continue.

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MURPHY TERRY M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

QUANEX CORP [nx]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2004

1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH, SUITE 1500

X_ Officer (give title below)

Sr. V.P.-Finance and CFO

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

> Filed(Month/Day/Year) 01/10/2005

> > (Instr. 8)

Applicable Line)

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

(Instr. 4)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

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

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

(Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Following 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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration	7. Title and Ar
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactiorDerivative		Date	Underlying Se
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Price of (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Disposed of (D) Security

(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Date

Phantom

Units (1)

7,896.728 Stock $\$ 0 \frac{(2)}{2}$ 12/01/2004 Α

12/01/2004⁽³⁾ 08/08/1988⁽³⁾

Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MURPHY TERRY M 1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH **SUITE 1500** HOUSTON, TX 77027

Sr. V.P.-Finance and CFO

Signatures

Terry M. 10/25/2005 Murphy

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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).
- 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.
- (2) Conversion price is 1 for 1.
 - All units credited under the Def. Comp. Plan are 100% vested at all times; provided, however, that if a participant receives a benefit from the Def. Comp. Plan for any reason other than death, disability or retirement within three years after a deferral is credited to a participant's
- (3) account, any matching awards made by the Company with respect to such deferral will be forfeited. Distributions under the Def. Comp. Plan are made beginning on a specified date selected by the participant or upon a participant's death, disability or termination of employment.
- (4) The share amount was overstated.

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