

ROSS JOSEPH J
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FORM 4

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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 *
ROSS JOSEPH J

(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)
11/15/2004

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 below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Amount | | |
| | | | | 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 | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 25.95 | | | | | | | | 10/31/2001 | 10/31/2011 | Common Stock | 2,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 35.54 | | | | | | | | 10/31/2002 | 10/31/2012 | Common Stock | 2,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 35.85 | | | | | | | | 05/23/2003 | 05/22/2012 | Common Stock | 6,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 40.05 | | | | | | | | 10/31/2003 | 10/31/2013 | Common Stock | 2,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 50.7 | | | | | | | | 10/31/2004 | 10/31/2014 | Common Stock | 2,000 |
| Phantom Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0 ⁽²⁾ | 11/15/2004 | | | A | | 22 | | 11/15/2004 ⁽³⁾ | 08/08/1988 ⁽³⁾ | Common Stock | 22 |
| Phantom Stock Units ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 0 ⁽²⁾ | 11/15/2004 | | | A | | 5 | | 11/15/2004 ⁽³⁾ | 08/08/1988 ⁽³⁾ | Common Stock | 5 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ROSS JOSEPH J 1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH SUITE 1500 | X | | | |

HOUSTON, TX 77027

Signatures

Terry M. Murphy, Power of
Attorney

11/16/2004

__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.

(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 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.

(4) 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.

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