

MURPHY TERRY M
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(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
QUANEX CORP [NX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH, SUITE 1500

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/17/2006

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

Senior VP-Finance and CFO

(Street)
HOUSTON, TX 77027

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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
Common Stock	01/17/2006		M		15,000	A	\$ 12.125
Common Stock	01/17/2006		M		15,000	A	\$ 17.3333
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S		6,100	D	\$ 59.61
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S		2,400	D	\$ 59.63
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 59.64

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Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	2,800	D	\$ 59.65	33,618.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	1,100	D	\$ 59.66	32,518.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	4,900	D	\$ 59.67	27,618.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 59.68	26,618.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	2,600	D	\$ 59.69	24,018.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	200	D	\$ 59.7	23,818.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	600	D	\$ 59.71	23,218.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	800	D	\$ 59.72	22,418.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 59.73	21,418.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 59.74	20,418.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	100	D	\$ 59.75	20,318.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	700	D	\$ 59.77	19,618.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	100	D	\$ 59.78	19,518.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	300	D	\$ 59.81	19,218.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	100	D	\$ 59.82	19,118.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	100	D	\$ 60.02	19,018.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	600	D	\$ 60.05	18,418.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	500	D	\$ 60.08	17,918.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	100	D	\$ 60.17	17,818.8675	D
Common Stock	01/17/2006	S	200	D	\$ 60.18	17,618.8675	D
	01/17/2006	S	1,700	D	\$ 62	15,918.8675	D

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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 (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0							(1)	(1)	Common Stock	26,504.
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 21.3333							12/04/2003	12/04/2012	Common Stock	17,500
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 26.4							12/03/2004	12/03/2013	Common Stock	6,750
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 39.4667							12/01/2005	12/01/2014	Common Stock	14,100
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 12.125	01/17/2006		M ⁽²⁾		15,000		10/26/2001	10/26/2010	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 17.3333	01/17/2006		M ⁽²⁾		15,000		10/23/2002	10/23/2011	Common Stock	15,000

