

BARGER DONALD G JR  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**BARGER DONALD G JR**

(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)  
**12/31/2004**

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/03/2005		J <sup>(1)</sup>	13.2514 A	\$ 6,741.9156 45.71 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	

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)**

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 11.25					05/01/1999	10/30/2008	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 13.2083					10/31/2000	10/31/2010	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 14.4583					05/01/2000	10/31/2009	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 17.3					10/31/2001	10/31/2011	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 18.4167					05/01/1998	10/31/2007	Common Stock	4,500
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 19					05/01/1997	10/31/2006	Common Stock	4,500
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 23.6933					10/31/2002	10/31/2012	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 26.7					10/31/2003	10/31/2013	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Options	\$ 33.8					10/31/2004	10/31/2014	Common Stock	3,000

(Right to buy)

Phantom Stock Units <sup>(3)</sup>

\$ 0 <sup>(4)</sup>

12/31/2004

A

22.92

12/31/2004<sup>(5)</sup>

08/08/1988<sup>(5)</sup>

Common Stock

22.9

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BARGER DONALD G JR 1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH SUITE 1500 HOUSTON, TX 77027	X			

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

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