

BALLOU ROBERT C
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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

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)
12/01/2005

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below) 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
President - Vehicular Products

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/01/2005		M	6,650 A \$ 39.4667	14,975.92	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2005		S	400 D \$ 61.5	14,575.92	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2005		S	400 D \$ 61.51	14,175.92	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2005		S	1,200 D \$ 61.55	12,975.92	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2005		S	900 D \$ 61.56	12,075.92	D	

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Common Stock	12/01/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 61.6	11,075.92	D
Common Stock	12/01/2005	S	2,750	D	\$ 61.83	8,325.92	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)

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)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0					12/04/2003	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock 3,941.63
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 21.3333					12/05/2003	12/04/2012	Common Stock 9,500.5
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 26.4					12/04/2004	12/03/2013	Common Stock 12,800
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 39.4667	12/01/2005		<u>M(2)</u>	6,650	12/01/2005	12/01/2014	Common Stock 6,650

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BALLOU ROBERT C				President - Vehicular

1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH
SUITE 1500
HOUSTON, TX 77027

Products

Signatures

Terry M. Murphy, Power of
Attorney

12/05/2005

__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).

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

(1) 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.

(2) Options exercised under the Quanex Corporation 1996 Employee Stock Option Plan.

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