BAYLES MICHAEL R

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BAYLES MICHAEL R			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	QUANEX CORP [NX] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH, SUITE 1500			(Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2004	Director 10% Owner Softicer (give title Other (specification) below)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	V Pres-Building Products Group 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
HOUSTON, TX 77027				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owne		

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1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities		5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onAcquired (A) of	or	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D))	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and	5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
						Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
				(4)		Reported		
				(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	or Amount (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/01/2004		A	3,100 A	\$ 0	17,355.3965	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisal Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun Number Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 26					10/24/2002	10/23/2011	Common Stock	18,1
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 32					12/05/2003	12/04/2012	Common Stock	25,0
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 39.6					12/04/2004	12/03/2013	Common Stock	13,8
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 59.2	12/01/2004		A	14,500	12/01/2005(1)	12/01/2014	Common Stock	14,:
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 0					09/30/2004	08/08/1988	Common Stock	6,148

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships s						
1 6	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BAYLES MICHAEL R 1900 WEST LOOP SOUTH SUITE 1500 HOUSTON, TX 77027			V Pres-Building Products Group				
Signatures							
Terry M. Murphy, Power of Attorney		12/02/200)4				
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date					

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- * 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) The option becomes exercisable in one third increments annually beginning one year from date of grant.

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