

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**

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)  
 04/28/2006

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

HOUSTON, TX 77027

(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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	04/28/2006		M	A	\$ 9.6389	15,294.9945	D
Common Stock	04/28/2006		M	A	\$ 12.2778	22,044.9945	D
Common Stock	04/28/2006		S	D	\$ 42.52	21,744.9945	D
Common Stock	04/28/2006		S	D	\$ 42.55	20,544.9945	D
Common Stock	04/28/2006		S	D	\$ 42.58	20,294.9945	D

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Common Stock	04/28/2006	S	1,500	D	\$ 42.6	18,794.9945	D
Common Stock	04/28/2006	S	100	D	\$ 42.62	18,694.9945	D
Common Stock	04/28/2006	S	900	D	\$ 42.64	17,794.9945	D
Common Stock	04/28/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 42.65	16,794.9945	D
Common Stock	04/28/2006	S	1,500	D	\$ 42.7	15,294.9945	D
Common Stock	04/28/2006	S	2,000	D	\$ 42.75	13,294.9945	D
Common Stock	04/28/2006	S	300	D	\$ 42.88	12,994.9945	D
Common Stock	04/28/2006	S	1,700	D	\$ 42.9	11,294.9945	D
Common Stock	04/28/2006	S	100	D	\$ 42.91	11,194.9945	D
Common Stock	04/28/2006	S	400	D	\$ 42.92	10,794.9945	D
Common Stock	04/28/2006	S	400	D	\$ 43	10,394.9945	D
Common Stock	04/28/2006	S	500	D	\$ 43.04	9,894.9945	D
Common Stock	04/28/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 43.05	8,894.9945	D
Common Stock	04/28/2006	S	100	D	\$ 43.06	8,794.9945	D
Common Stock	04/28/2006	S	181	D	\$ 43.11	8,613.9945	D
Common Stock	04/28/2006	S	500	D	\$ 43.15	8,113.9945	D
Common Stock	04/28/2006	S	2,300	D	\$ 43.2	5,813.9945	D
Common Stock	04/28/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 43.25	4,813.9945	D
Common Stock	04/28/2006	S	300	D	\$ 43.28	4,513.9945	D
Common Stock	04/28/2006	S	500	D	\$ 43.31	4,013.9945	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 9.6389	04/28/2006		M	4,500	<u>(1)</u> 10/31/2009	Common Stock	4,500
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 12.2778	04/28/2006		M	6,750	<u>(1)</u> 10/31/2007	Common Stock	6,750

## 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

John J. Mannion, Power of Attorney  
05/01/2006

\_\_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) The option becomes 100% exercisable in 6 months from date of grant.

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