PRAXAIR INC Form 4 April 26, 2006

FORM 4

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

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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 * LEBOEUF RAYMOND W

(First) (Middle) (Last)

39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD

(Street)

(State)

DANBURY, CT 06810

(City)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

PRAXAIR INC [PX]

(Month/Day/Year) 04/25/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

5. Amount of

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 4)

Ownership (Instr. 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

Code V Amount (D) Price

or

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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 Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number of 4 TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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	Derivative Security				or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Deferred Stock (1)	\$ 0 (2)	04/25/2006	A		54.995		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	54.995

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
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LEBOEUF RAYMOND W							
39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD	X						
DANBURY, CT 06810							

Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper, Attorney-in-Fact

04/26/2006

**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).
- Deferred stock units acquired by reporting person under the Praxair, Inc. Director's Fees Deferral Plan and are to be settled in Praxair Common Stock upon the reporting person's retirement or termination of service.
- (2) Conversion to Praxair Common Stock is on a 1-for-1 basis.
- (3) See Note (1) above.

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