PRAXAIR INC Form 4 May 10, 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** 

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* YAKICH WAYNE J

> (Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PRAXAIR, INC., 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

### PRAXAIR INC [PX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/09/2006

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

### **OMB APPROVAL**

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

#### (Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title \_ Other (specify

below) Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

#### DANBURY, CT 06810-5113

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly 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) our Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(1115111 1)	
Common Stock	05/09/2006		M	19,334	A	\$ 27.625	19,334	D	
Common Stock	05/09/2006		M	38,667	A	\$ 26.425	58,001	D	
Common Stock	05/09/2006		M	20,000	A	\$ 36.58	78,001	D	
Common Stock	05/09/2006		S	1,000	D	\$ 56	77,001	D	
Common Stock	05/09/2006		S	100	D	\$ 56.06	76,901	D	

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Common Stock	05/09/2006	S	100	D	\$ 56.07 76,801	D
Common Stock	05/09/2006	S	400	D	\$ 56.08 76,401	D
Common Stock	05/09/2006	S	2,900	D	\$ 56.09 73,501	D
Common Stock	05/09/2006	S	2,200	D	\$ 56.1 71,301	D
Common Stock	05/09/2006	S	600	D	\$ 56.12 70,701	D
Common Stock	05/09/2006	S	500	D	\$ 56.14 70,201	D
Common Stock	05/09/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 56.15 69,201	D
Common Stock	05/09/2006	S	1,400	D	\$ 56.16 67,801	D
Common Stock	05/09/2006	S	2,400	D	\$ 56.17 65,401	D
Common Stock	05/09/2006	S	100	D	\$ 56.18 65,301	D
Common Stock	05/09/2006	S	900	D	\$ 56.19 64,401	D
Common Stock	05/09/2006	S	4,300	D	\$ 56.2 60,101	D
Common Stock	05/09/2006	S	4,200	D	\$ 56.21 55,901	D
Common Stock	05/09/2006	S	1,800	D	\$ 56.22 54,101	D
Common Stock	05/09/2006	S	2,900	D	\$ 56.23 51,201	D
Common Stock	05/09/2006	S	2,000	D	\$ 56.24 49,201	D
Common Stock	05/09/2006	S	2,500	D	\$ 56.25 46,701	D
Common Stock	05/09/2006	S	1,400	D	\$ 56.26 45,301	D
Common Stock	05/09/2006	S	4,300	D	\$ 56.27 41,001	D
Common Stock	05/09/2006	S	3,900	D	\$ 56.28 37,101	D
	05/09/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 56.29 36,101	D

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Common Stock							
Common Stock	05/09/2006	S	14,100	D	\$ 56.3	22,001	D
Common Stock	05/09/2006	S	2,500	D	\$ 56.31	19,501	D
Common Stock	05/09/2006	S	2,800	D	\$ 56.32	16,701	D
Common Stock	05/09/2006	S	900	D	\$ 56.33	15,801	D

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of ionDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option Right to Buy	\$ 27.625	05/09/2006		M		19,334	12/31/2002	12/30/2011	Common Stock	19,334
Stock Option Right to Buy	\$ 26.425	05/09/2006		M		38,667	02/28/2004	02/28/2013	Common Stock	38,667
Stock Option Right to Buy	\$ 36.58	05/09/2006		M		20,000	02/24/2005	02/24/2014	Common Stock	20,000

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## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

YAKICH WAYNE J

C/O PRAXAIR, INC. Vice
39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD President
DANBURY, CT 06810-5113

# **Signatures**

Anthony M. Pepper, Attorney-in-Fact

05/10/2006 Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

# **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).

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