PRAXAIR INC Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LEBOEUF RAYMOND W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

PRAXAIR INC [PX] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 09/26/2006

X_ Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

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

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

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Officer (give title

DANBURY,, CT 06810-5113

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Price Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date **Underlying Securities** Deriva Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Securi

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(A) or Disposed (D)	A) or Disposed of D) Instr. 3, 4,					(Instr.
			Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Deferred Stock (1)	\$ 0 (2)	09/26/2006	A	50.05		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	50.05	<u>(1</u>

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
LEBOEUF RAYMOND W C/O PRAXAIR, INC. 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD DANBURY,, CT 06810-5113	X						

Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper, Attorney-in-Fact

09/27/2006

**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) Deferred stock units acquired by reporting person under the Praxair, Inc. Director's Fees Deferral Plan (the "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) This total includes shares previously acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment under the Plan.

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