PRAXAIR INC Form 4 January 19, 2007

FORM 4

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

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add CLARK PAT		ting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PRAXAIR INC [PX]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
C/O PRAXAIR, INC., 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD			01/17/2007	X Officer (give title below) Vice President and Controller			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person			
DANBURY, CT 06810-5113				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tak	ole I - Non-	Derivative Se	ecuriti	es Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities A Transactioner Disposed of Code (Instr. 3, 4 and (Instr. 8) Code V Amount			` ′	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)
Common Stock	01/17/2007		M	785.729	A	(1) (2)	2,334.0331	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2007		F	235.1536	D	\$ 58.99	2,098.8795	D	
Common Stock							532.1191	I	401(k)

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 orDerivative 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
Deferred Stock Unit (1)	\$ 0 (2)	01/17/2007		M	785.729	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	785.729

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CLARK PATRICK M C/O PRAXAIR, INC. 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD DANBURY, CT 06810-5113

Vice President and Controller

Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper, Attorney-in-Fact

01/19/2007 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).
- (1) Deferred stock untis acquired under the 1993 Praxair, Inc. Compensation Deferral Program as amended ("Deferred Program") and are to be settled in Praxair Common Stock.
- (2) The Reporting Person received a distribution of deferred stock units under the Deferral Program and the deferred stock units were converted to shares of Praxair Common Stock on a 1-for-1 basis.

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