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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

GALANTE EDWARD G

(Last) (First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

12/01/2007

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PRAXAIR INC [PX]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

(Street)

X Director Officer

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

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

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

DANBURY, Â CTÂ 06810-5113

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

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Ownership Direct (D)

Ownership (Instr. 5)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Â Common Stock D 3,000

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

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

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

Conversion or Exercise Price of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Title

Derivative Security: Direct (D) Security

Ownership

Derivative

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Date Expiration Amount or or Indirect Exercisable Date Number of (I) Shares (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GALANTE EDWARD G C/O PRAXAIR, INC. 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD DANBURY, CTÂ 06810-5113

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Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper, Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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