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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement PRAXAIR INC [PX] À Bernardes Oscar (Month/Day/Year) 07/26/2010 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O PRAXAIR, INC., 39 OLD (Check all applicable) RIDGEBURY ROAD (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner _X_ Director Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person DANBURY, Â CTÂ 06810-5113 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 1,200 D Common Stock $1,220^{(1)}$ D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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

Title of Derivative Security Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	Securities Underlying	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	

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Date Expiration Title Exercisable Date

Amount or Derivative Number of Security Shares Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(1) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Bernardes Oscar C/O PRAXAIR, INC. 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD DANBURY, CTÂ 06810-5113

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Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper,
Attorney-in-Fact
08/03/2010

**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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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Restricted stock units payable in shares of Praxair Common Stock, payable in full after a restrictive period ending on April 27, 2013, unless the payout is deferred by the reporting person.

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