PRAXAIR INC Form 4 August 03, 2010

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 * LEBOEUF RAYMOND W

> (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)

07/30/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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)	omr 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	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	07/30/2010		M	5,000	A	\$ 22.595	7,000	D	
Common Stock	07/30/2010		S	5,000	D	\$ 86.5964 (1)	2,000	D	
Common Stock	07/30/2010		M	5,000	A	\$ 29.305	7,000	D	
Common Stock	07/30/2010		S	5,000	D	\$ 86.5964 (1)	2,000	D	

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 $\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Securities		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)	\$ 22.595	07/30/2010		M		5,000	04/02/2002	04/02/2011	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.305	07/30/2010		M		5,000	04/01/2003	04/01/2012	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.76						04/01/2004	04/01/2013	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 37.26						04/01/2005	04/01/2014	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 47.64						04/01/2006	04/01/2015	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 48.26						09/19/2006	09/19/2015	Common Stock	275
Stock Option	\$ 53.98						02/28/2007	02/28/2016	Common Stock	7,620

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(right to buy)					
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 61.47	(2)	02/27/2017	Common Stock	6,550
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 83.89	(3)	02/26/2018	Common Stock	3,885
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 60.92	<u>(4)</u>	02/24/2019	Common Stock	4,600

Reporting Owners

Relationships					
Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
X					
	21100161	Director 10% Owner	Director 10% Owner Officer		

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 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).
- The \$86.5964 price reported is the weighted average sale price. The sale prices ranged from \$86.56 to \$86.66 per share. Upon request of the SEC Staff, Praxair, Inc. or a security holder of Praxair, Inc., the reporting person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (2) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 27, 2008.
- (3) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 26, 2009.
- (4) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 24, 2010.

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