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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement PRAXAIR INC [PX] Panikar John (Month/Day/Year) 11/01/2010 (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 Director _X__ Officer _ Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Vice President 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. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Common Stock I 1,424.2807 401(k)Common Stock 500 (1) D Â 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

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

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
Security	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (right to buy)	02/28/2007(2)	02/29/2016	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 53.98	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	02/27/2008(2)	02/27/2017	Common Stock	14,000	\$ 61.47	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	02/26/2009(3)	02/26/2018	Common Stock	5,200	\$ 83.89	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	02/26/2009(3)	02/26/2018	Common Stock	7,800	\$ 83.89	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	02/24/2010(4)	02/24/2019	Common Stock	8,530	\$ 60.92	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	02/23/2011(5)	02/23/2020	Common Stock	7,185	\$ 76.16	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Panikar John C/O PRAXAIR, INC. 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD DANBURY, CT 06810-5113	Â	Â	Vice President	Â	

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).
- ** 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 unit award, payable in shares of Praxair Common Stock, vesting in three equal consecutive, annual installments beginning on February 23, 2011.
- (2) This option became exercisable in three (3) equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (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.
- (5) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 23, 2011.

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