

ANGEL STEPHEN F
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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 *
ANGEL STEPHEN F

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O PRAXAIR, INC., 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD
(Street)

DANBURY, CT 06810-5113

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PRAXAIR INC [PX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/28/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 14,052 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,268 | I | In trust for children |
| Common Stock | | | | | 58,147 | I | Grantor Retained Annuity Trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | 6,480.0459 | I | 401(k) |

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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 Derivative 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount Number Shares |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 109.68 | 02/28/2012 | | A | 236,510 | 02/28/2013 ⁽¹⁾ 02/28/2022 | Common Stock 236,510 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 36.58 | | | | | 02/24/2005 ⁽²⁾ 02/24/2014 | Common Stock 30,000 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 44.25 | | | | | 02/22/2006 ⁽²⁾ 02/22/2015 | Common Stock 14,000 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 53.98 | | | | | 02/28/2007 ⁽²⁾ 02/29/2016 | Common Stock 13,000 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 61.47 | | | | | 02/27/2008 ⁽²⁾ 02/27/2017 | Common Stock 30,000 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 83.89 | | | | | 02/26/2009 ⁽²⁾ 02/26/2018 | Common Stock 19,000 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 60.92 | | | | | 02/24/2010 ⁽²⁾ 02/24/2019 | Common Stock 28,000 |
| | \$ 76.16 | | | | | 02/23/2011 ⁽³⁾ 02/23/2020 | 20,000 |

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|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------|--|--------------|------|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | | | | | Common Stock | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 97.84 | 02/22/2012 ⁽⁴⁾ | 02/22/2021 | | Common Stock | 21 |
| Deferred Stock | \$ 0 ⁽⁵⁾ | <u>(6)</u> | <u>(6)</u> | | Common Stock | 65,8 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ANGEL STEPHEN F C/O PRAXAIR, INC. 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD DANBURY, CT 06810-5113 | X | | President & CEO | |

Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/29/2012

 **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).
- (1) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 28, 2013.
- (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 23, 2011.
- (4) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 22, 2012.
- (5) Conversion to Praxair Common Stock is on a 1-for-1 basis.
- (6) Deferred stock units acquired under the Praxair, Inc. Compensation Deferral Program as amended ("Deferral Program") and are to be settled in Praxair Common Stock.

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