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## FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Savoia Sally A	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PRAXAIR INC [PX]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O PRAXAIR, INC., 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/27/2012	(Check all applicable)  Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (speci below)  Vice President		
(Street)  DANBURY, CT 06810-5113	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed			sposed 4 and 3	equired l of (D) 5)	5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Director (D) or Following Indirect (D) Reported (Instr. 4) Transaction(s)		7. Nature of Indirect t Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	04/27/2012		M	50,000	A	\$ 36.58	61,509.1161 (1)	D	
Common Stock	04/27/2012		S	50,000	D	\$ 115.5	11,509.1161 (1)	D	
Common Stock							302	I	Joint with spouse
Common Stock							18,529.2509	I	401(k)

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

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## $\label{thm:convertible} \textbf{Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned} \\ \textit{(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)}$

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Secur Secur Acqu or Di (D)	rities hired (A) sposed of :. 3, 4,	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	Amoun Number Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 109.68						02/28/2013(2)	02/28/2022	Common Stock	20,
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 36.58	04/27/2012		M		50,000	02/24/2005(3)	02/24/2014	Common Stock	50,
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 44.25						02/22/2006(3)	02/22/2015	Common Stock	55,
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 53.98						02/28/2007(3)	02/29/2016	Common Stock	45,
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 61.47						02/27/2008(3)	02/27/2017	Common Stock	35,
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 83.89						02/26/2009(3)	02/26/2018	Common Stock	21,
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 60.92						02/24/2010(3)	02/24/2019	Common Stock	29,
	\$ 76.16						02/23/2011(4)	02/23/2020		22,

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Stock Option (right to buy)				Common Stock	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 97.84	02/22/2012 <sup>(5)</sup>	02/22/2021	Common Stock	21,
Deferred Stock	\$ 0 (6)	<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	60,88

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Savoia Sally A							
C/O PRAXAIR, INC.			Vice				
39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD			President				
DANBURY, CT 06810-5113							

## **Signatures**

Anthony M. Pepper, Attorney-in-Fact

05/01/2012

\*\*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 total includes shares previous acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment under the Praxair Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan and unvested restricted stock units.
- (2) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 28, 2013.
- (3) This option became exercisable in three (3) equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (4) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 23, 2011.
- (5) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 22, 2012.
- (6) Conversion to Praxair Common Stock is on a 1-for-1 basis.
- (7) 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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