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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ANGEL STEPHEN F			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PRAXAIR INC [PX]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
C/O PRAXAIR, INC., 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD		OLD	05/01/2012	X Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
				President & CEO		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta	ble I - Non	-Derivative	Secur	ities Acquire	d, Disposed of, o	r Beneficially	Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	onDisposed o (Instr. 3, 4	of (D) and 5) (A) or		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)
Common Stock	05/01/2012		Code V M	Amount 30,000	(D)	Price \$ 36.58	84,193	D	
Common Stock	05/01/2012		S	30,000	D	\$ 116.5533 (1)	54,193	D	
Common Stock	05/01/2012		M	143,100	A	\$ 44.25	197,293	D	
Common Stock	05/01/2012		S	143,100	D	\$ 116.3879 (2)	54,193	D	
	05/01/2012		M	65,000	A	\$ 53.98	119,193	D	

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Common
Stock

Common Stock	05/01/2012	S	65,000	D	\$ 116.2095 (3)	54,193	D	
Common Stock						2,268	I	In trust for children
Common Stock						58,147	I	Grantor Retained Annuity Trust
Common Stock						6,788.5513	I	401(k)

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

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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)	orDeriv Secu Acqu Disp	Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Instr. 3, 4, and		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou Numb Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 109.68						02/28/2013(4)	02/28/2022	Common Stock	230
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 36.58	05/01/2012		M		30,000	02/24/2005(5)	02/24/2014	Common Stock	30
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 44.25	05/01/2012		M		143,100	02/22/2006(5)	02/22/2015	Common Stock	143
Stock	\$ 53.98	05/01/2012		M		65,000	$02/28/2007^{(5)}$	02/29/2016	Common	65

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Option (right to buy)				Stock	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 61.47	02/27/2008(5)	02/27/2017	Common Stock	308
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 83.89	02/26/2009(5)	02/26/2018	Common Stock	19:
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 60.92	02/24/2010(5)	02/24/2019	Common Stock	28
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 76.16	02/23/2011(6)	02/23/2020	Common Stock	204
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 97.84	02/22/2012 <u>(7)</u>	02/22/2021	Common Stock	218
Deferred Stock	\$ 0 <u>(8)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	Common Stock	66,5

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships				
• 0	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 05/03/2012

**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) The \$116.5533 price reported is the weighted average sale price. The sale prices ranged from \$116.2300 to \$116.7900 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

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number of shares sold at each separate price.

- The \$116.3879 price reported is the weighted average sale price. The sale prices ranged from \$116.2550 to \$116.6900 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.
- The \$116.2095 price reported is the weighted average sale price. The sale prices ranged from \$116.0900 to \$116.4150 per share. Upon (3) request of the SEC Staff, Prayair, Inc. or a security holder of Prayair. Inc. the reporting person will provide full information regarding the security holder of Prayair.
- (3) 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.
- (4) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 28, 2013.
- (5) This option became exercisable in three (3) equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (6) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 23, 2011.
- (7) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 22, 2012.
- (8) Conversion to Praxair Common Stock is on a 1-for-1 basis.
- (9) 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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