

PRAXAIR INC  
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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)  
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)  
11/07/2008

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/07/2008		A	2,500 (1) \$ 62.137	42,982 (2)	D	
Common Stock					1,484	I	In trust for children
Common Stock					2,800	I	Joint tenant with wife
Common Stock					4,938	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)	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.105					04/23/2002 <sup>(3)</sup>	04/23/2011	Common Stock	125,0
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.43					01/02/2003 <sup>(3)</sup>	01/02/2012	Common Stock	110,0
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.42					02/28/2004 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/28/2013	Common Stock	100,0
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 36.58					02/24/2005 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/24/2014	Common Stock	120,0
Stock Option (right-to-buy)	\$ 44.25					02/22/2006 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/22/2015	Common Stock	143,1
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 53.98					02/28/2007 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/28/2016	Common Stock	130,6
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 61.47					02/27/2008 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/27/2017	Common Stock	308,3
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 83.89					02/26/2009 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/26/2018	Common Stock	195,2
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 83.89					02/26/2011 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/26/2018	Common Stock	85,00
Deferred Stock	\$ 0 <sup>(5)</sup>					<sup>(6)</sup>	<sup>(6)</sup>	Common Stock	60,2

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

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Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

ANGEL STEPHEN F  
PRAXAIR, INC.                                 X                                 President & CEO  
39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD  
DANBURY, CT 06810-5113

## Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper,  
Attorney-in-Fact                                 11/10/2008  
  
          \*\*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) Purchase of Common Stock from the Issuer that was exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d) of the Securities and Exchange Commission.
  - (2) This total includes shares previously acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment under the Praxair Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.
  - (3) This option becomes exercisable in three (3) equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.  
This option will vest in full if Praxair, Inc. achieves cumulative fiscal year earnings per share growth of at least 33% over 2007 earnings
  - (4) per share at any time prior to January 1, 2011. If vested, the option may be exercised beginning on the third anniversary of the grant date. If Praxair, Inc. fails to meet the cumulative earnings per share goal, this option will be forfeited.
  - (5) Conversion to Praxair Common Stock is on a 1-for-1 basis.
  - (6) Deferred stock units accrued under the 1993 Praxair, Inc. Compensation Deferral Program as amended and are to be settled in Praxair Common Stock.

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