#### DICCIANI NANCE K

Form 4

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### FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* DICCIANI NANCE K

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

PRAXAIR INC [px]

(Check all applicable)

PRAXAIR, INC., 39 OLD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/27/2009

X\_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

RIDGEBURY ROAD

(Street)

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

DANBURY, CT 06810-5113

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** (Month/Day/Year) Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, 5)	f (D)					(
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Deferred Stock	\$ 0 (1)	01/27/2009		A	282.176		(2)	(2)	Common	282.176	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
<b>FS</b>	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
DICCIANI NANCE K PRAXAIR, INC. 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD DANBURY, CT 06810-5113	X						

## **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 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) Conversion to Praxair Common Stock is on a 1-for-1 basis.
- (2) Deferred stock units acquired by reporting person under the Praxair, Inc. Director's Fees Deferral Plan (the "Plan") and are to be settled in Praxair Common Stock upon the reporting person's retirement or termination of service.

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