

Breedlove James T  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 Breedlove James T

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PRAXAIR, INC., 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/23/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Senior VP, Gen. Counsel & Sec.

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 (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) |            |           |   |        |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|------------|-----------|---|--------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   | (A) or (D)  | Price      |           |   |        |
| Common Stock                    | 02/23/2009                           |  | P                              |   |   | 2,000  | A   | \$ 59.5349 | 12,450    | D |        |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |   |            | (1)       |   |        |
| Common Stock                    | 02/23/2009                           |  | P                              |   |   | 4,000  | A   | \$ 60.7923 | 16,450    | D |        |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |   |            | (2)       |   |        |
| Common Stock                    | 02/25/2009                           |  | P                              |   |   | 4,000  | A   | \$ 59.0296 | 20,450    | D |        |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |   |            | (3)       |   |        |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |   |            | 2,282.872 | 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) | 8. Amount of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 60.92   | 02/24/2009                           |  | A                              | 54,120  | 02/24/2010 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/24/2019                     | Common Stock  | 54                  |
| Deferred Stock                             | \$ 0 <sup>(5)</sup>                                    | 02/25/2009                           |  | A                              | 187.9072  | <sup>(6)</sup> <sup>(6)</sup>                            | Common Stock  | 187                 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                                      |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                              | Other |
| Breedlove James T<br>C/O PRAXAIR, INC.<br>39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD<br>DANBURY, CT 06810-5113 |               |           | Senior VP,<br>Gen. Counsel<br>& Sec. |       |

## Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
Date: 02/25/2009

<sup>(1)</sup>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).

The \$59.5349 price reported is the weighted average purchase price. The purchase prices ranged from \$59.5292 to \$59.54 per share.

(1) 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 purchased at each separate price.

The \$60.7923 price reported is the weighted average purchase price. The purchase price ranged from \$60.6792 to \$60.85 per share. Upon

(2) 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 purchased at each separate price.

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- The \$59.0296 price reported is the weighted average purchase price. The purchase price ranged from \$58.95 to \$59.1592 per share. Upon
- (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 purchased at each separate price.
  - (4) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 24, 2010.
  - (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 ("Deferred Program") and are to be settled in Praxair Common Stock.

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