

FUCHS JAMES J  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**FUCHS JAMES J**

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)  
**11/11/2009**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Senior 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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/11/2009		S	9,000 D \$ 82.7765 (1)	6,394	I	Joint Tenant with Wife
Common Stock					4,486	D	
Common Stock					809.8827	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 or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 53.98					02/28/2007 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/28/2016	Common Stock	62,600
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 61.47					02/27/2008 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/27/2017	Common Stock	69,400
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 83.89					02/26/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/26/2018	Common Stock	40,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 83.89					02/26/2011 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/26/2018	Common Stock	22,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 60.92					02/24/2010 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/24/2019	Common Stock	59,560
Deferred Stock	\$ 0					<sup>(5)</sup>	<sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock	1,100.317

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director      10% Owner      Officer      Other

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C/O PRAXAIR, INC.  
39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD  
DANBURY, CT 06810-5113

Senior  
Vice  
President

## Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper,  
Attorney-in-Fact

11/12/2009

\_\_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 \$82.7765 price reported is the weighted average sale price. The sale prices ranged from \$82.7507 to \$82.804 per share. Upon request  
(1) 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.  
(2) This option became 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  
(3) 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.  
(4) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 24, 2010.  
(5) 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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