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Voting Items1. Election of Directors.The Board of Directors recommends a vote "FOR" the nominees listed below.The Board of Directors recommends that you vote "FOR" PROPOSALS 2, 3 and 5 and "FOR" the 1 Year alternative in Item 4. Nominees 1a. Stephen F. Angel2. To ratify the appointment of the Independent Auditor 1b. Oscar Bernardes 1c. Nance K. Dicciani3. To approve, on an advisory and non-binding basis, the compensation of Praxair's Named Executive Officers as disclosed in the 2017 Proxy Statement 1d. Edward G. Galante4. To recommend, on an advisory and non-binding basis, the frequency of holding future advisory votes on Named Executive Officer compensation 1e. Raymond W. LeBoeuf 1f. Larry D. McVay5. To approve amendments to the Amended and Restated 2009 Praxair, Inc. Long Term Incentive Plan and to approve Section 162(m) performance measures under the Plan 1g. Martin H. RichenhagenIn their discretion, the Proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. 1h. Wayne T. Smith 1i. Robert L. WoodE20534-P87713

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