

ANGEL STEPHEN F  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
ANGEL STEPHEN F

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  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/23/2010

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President & CEO

DANBURY, CT 06810-5113

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A)<br>or<br>(D)  | 23,917.057 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 2,268   | I  | In trust for children                                 |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 50,990  | I  | Joint Tenant with Wife                                |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 5,544.8825  | 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |                  |                 |       |        |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|------------------|-----------------|-------|--------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | (A)  | (D)   | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 76.16   | 02/23/2010                           |  | A                              | 204,640   | 02/23/2011 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 02/23/2020  | Common Stock     | 20              |       |        |
| Deferred Stock                             | \$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>                                    | 02/23/2010                           |  | A                              | 376.6209  | <sup>(4)</sup>   | <sup>(4)</sup>  | Common Stock     | 376             |       |        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                 |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer         | Other |
| ANGEL STEPHEN F<br>C/O PRAXAIR, INC.<br>39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD<br>DANBURY, CT 06810-5113 | X             |           | President & CEO |       |

## Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/24/2010

\_\_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) Includes shares of unvested restricted stock including shares acquired upon dividend reinvestment.
- (2) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 23, 2011.
- (3) Conversion to Praxair Common Stock is on a 1-for-1 basis.
- (4) 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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