

ANGEL STEPHEN F  
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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 \*  
ANGEL STEPHEN F

(Last) (First) (Middle)

PRAXAIR, INC., 39 OLD  
RIDGEBURY ROAD

(Street)

DANBURY, CT 06810-5113

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
11/18/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |            |   |                        |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|------------|---|------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |                                   |            |   |                        |
| Common Stock                    | 11/18/2008                           |  | A                              |   | 1,000<br>(1)  | A  | \$ 56.94                          | 45,982 (2) | D |                        |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |                                   | 1,484      | I | In trust for children  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |                                   | 2,800      | I | Joint tenant with wife |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |                                   | 4,938      | 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 Number Shares |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 23.105  |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/23/2002 <sup>(3)</sup>                                | 04/23/2011  | Common Stock | 125,0                |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 27.43   |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/02/2003 <sup>(3)</sup>                                | 01/02/2012  | Common Stock | 110,0                |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 26.42   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/28/2004 <sup>(3)</sup>                                | 02/28/2013  | Common Stock | 100,0                |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 36.58   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/24/2005 <sup>(3)</sup>                                | 02/24/2014  | Common Stock | 120,0                |
| Stock Option (right-to-buy)                | \$ 44.25   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/22/2006 <sup>(3)</sup>                                | 02/22/2015  | Common Stock | 143,1                |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 53.98   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/28/2007 <sup>(3)</sup>                                | 02/28/2016  | Common Stock | 130,6                |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 61.47   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/27/2008 <sup>(3)</sup>                                | 02/27/2017  | Common Stock | 308,3                |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 83.89   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/26/2009 <sup>(3)</sup>                                | 02/26/2018  | Common Stock | 195,2                |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 83.89   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/26/2011 <sup>(4)</sup>                                | 02/26/2018  | Common Stock | 85,00                |
| Deferred Stock                             | \$ 0 <sup>(5)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | <sup>(6)</sup>   | <sup>(6)</sup>  | Common Stock | 60,2                 |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

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Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

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

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President & CEO

## Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper,  
Attorney-in-Fact

11/20/2008

\_\_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) Purchase of Common Stock from the Issuer that was exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d) of the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- (2) This total includes shares previously acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment under the Praxair Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) This option becomes 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
- (4) 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.
- (5) Conversion to Praxair Common Stock is on a 1-for-1 basis.
- (6) Deferred stock units accrued under the 1993 Praxair, Inc. Compensation Deferral Program as amended and are to be settled in Praxair Common Stock.

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