

PRAXAIR INC  
Form 8-K  
October 30, 2013  
**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 30, 2013**

**PRAXAIR, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

(State or Other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-11037

(Commission File Number)

06-124-9050

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD, DANBURY, CT

(Address of principal executive offices)

(203)837-2000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

06810-5113

(Zip Code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**ITEM 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(b), (c)

On October 30, 2013, Praxair, Inc. issued a press release announcing that James S. Sawyer, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, will retire on December 31, 2013, and that Matthew J. White, currently President of Praxair Canada, will succeed Mr. Sawyer as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer effective January 1, 2014. A copy of Praxair, Inc.'s press release is filed herewith as Exhibit (99.1) and is hereby incorporated by reference in this Item 5.02.

**ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is filed herewith pursuant to Item 5.02 hereof:

**Exhibit No.      Description**

99.1                  Press Release dated October 30, 2013

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

PRAXAIR, INC.

Registrant

Date: October 30, 2013      By: /s/ James T. Breedlove  
James T. Breedlove  
Senior Vice President,  
General Counsel  
and Secretary

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Exhibit Index

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated October 30, 2013