

ANGEL STEPHEN F  
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**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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O 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)  
02/27/2009

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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/27/2009		P		2,500	A	\$ 56.7914 <u>(1)</u>	7,300	I	Joint Tenant with Wife
Common Stock								5,295.167	I	401(k)
Common Stock								2,243.956	I	In trust for children
Common Stock	02/27/2009		M		29,195.2 <sup>(3)</sup>	A	\$ 0	76,744.828 <u>(2)</u>	D	

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Common Stock	02/27/2009	F	12,101.1216 (4)	D	\$ 57.705	64,643.7064 (2)	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2009	P	1,750	A	\$ 53.83 (5)	9,050	I	Joint Tenant with Wife

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Performance Share Units (6)	\$ 0 (6)	02/27/2009		A	29,195.2	(6)	(6)	Common Stock
Performance Share Units (6)	(6)	02/27/2009		M	29,195.2 (3)	(6)	(6)	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper  
03/03/2009

\*\*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 \$56.7914 price reported is the weighted average purchase price. The purchase prices ranged from \$56.77 to \$56.83 per share. Upon request 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 purchased at each separate price.

(1) This total includes shares previously acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment under the Praxair Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.

(2) Shares of common stock acquired pursuant to the payout of a performance share unit grant made on February 27, 2007 (the "PSU").

(3) Shares of common stock withheld from the PSU payout to cover tax withholdings.

The \$53.83 price reported is the weighted average purchase price. The purchase prices ranged from \$53.81 to \$53.84 per share. Upon request 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 purchased at each separate price.

(4) The PSU vested on February 27, 2009, and the number of shares awarded and paid out was determined based upon the combined financial performance of Praxair, Inc. for 2007 and 2008 measured against financial goals set by the Compensation and Management Development Committee of the Board of Directors.

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