

MALFITANO RICARDO S  
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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 \*  
MALFITANO RICARDO S

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)  
39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/21/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice President

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/21/2012		M		50,501	A	\$ 53.98
							86,383.6131 (1)
Common Stock	02/21/2012		S		50,501	D	\$ 110.026 (2)
							35,882.6131 (1)
Common Stock	02/21/2012		M		18,447	A	\$ 61.47
							54,329.6131 (1)
Common Stock	02/21/2012		S		18,447	D	\$ 110.006 (3)
							35,882.6131 (1)
	02/22/2012		M		23,556	A	\$ 53.98
							D

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Common Stock						59,438.6131		
						<u>(1)</u>		
Common Stock	02/22/2012		S	23,556	D	\$ 110.011	35,882.6131	D
						<u>(4)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	
Common Stock	02/22/2012		M	10,110	A	\$ 61.47	45,992.6131	D
							<u>(1)</u>	
Common Stock	02/22/2012		S	10,110	D	\$ 110.007	35,882.6131	D
						<u>(5)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	
Common Stock							2,745.6155	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)	\$ 53.98	02/21/2012		M	50,501	02/28/2007 <sup>(6)</sup> 02/29/2016	Common Stock 50,501
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 61.47	02/21/2012		M	18,447	02/27/2008 <sup>(6)</sup> 02/27/2017	Common Stock 18,447
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 53.98	02/22/2012		M	23,556	02/28/2007 <sup>(6)</sup> 02/27/2016	Common Stock 23,556
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 61.47	02/22/2012		M	10,110	02/27/2008 <sup>(6)</sup> 02/27/2017	Common Stock 10,110

buy)

Stock

Option  
(right to  
buy)

\$ 83.89

02/26/2009<sup>(6)</sup> 02/26/2018

Common  
Stock

54,9

Stock

Option  
(right to  
buy)

\$ 60.92

02/24/2010<sup>(7)</sup> 02/24/2019

Common  
Stock

83,9

Stock

Option  
(right to  
buy)

\$ 76.16

02/23/2011<sup>(8)</sup> 02/23/2020

Common  
Stock

53,7

Stock

Option  
(right to  
buy)

\$ 97.84

02/22/2012<sup>(9)</sup> 02/22/2021

Common  
Stock

57,7

Deferred  
Stock

\$ 0 <sup>(10)</sup>

<sup>(11)</sup>

<sup>(11)</sup>

Common  
Stock

11,33

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MALFITANO RICARDO S 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD DANBURY, CT 06810-5113			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/23/2012

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

(2) The \$110.026 price reported is the weighted average sale price. The sale prices ranged from \$110.00 to \$110.328 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 sold at each separate price.

(3) The \$110.006 price reported is the weighted average sale price. The sale prices ranged from \$110.00 to \$110.095 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 sold at each separate price.

(4) The \$110.011 price reported is the weighted average sale price. The sale prices ranged from \$110.00 to \$110.20 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

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number of shares sold at each separate price.

- The \$110.007 price reported is the weighted average sale price. The sale prices ranged from \$110.00 to \$110.26 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 sold at each separate price.
- (5) The \$110.007 price reported is the weighted average sale price. The sale prices ranged from \$110.00 to \$110.26 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 sold at each separate price.
  - (6) This option became exercisable in three (3) equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
  - (7) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 24, 2010.
  - (8) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 23, 2011.
  - (9) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 22, 2012.
  - (10) Conversion to Praxair Common Stock is on a 1-for-1 basis.
  - (11) Deferred stock units acquired under the Praxair, Inc. Compensation Deferral Program as amended ("Deferral Program") and are to be settled in Praxair Common Stock.

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