PRAXAIR INC Form 4 March 01, 2016

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Hirsch Elizabeth T Issuer Symbol PRAXAIR INC [PX] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify C/O PRAXAIR, INC., 39 OLD 02/29/2016 below) RIDGEBURY ROAD Vice President & Controller (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting DANBURY, CT 06810-5113 Person

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tabl | e I - Non-E | Derivative | Secui | ities Acqu | ired, Disposed of | or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|-------|--------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3, | spose | d of (D) | 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 | | | | | | | 3,922.1748 | I | 401(k) |
| Common Stock | 02/29/2016 | | M | 707 (1) | A | \$0 | 17,139.62 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/29/2016 | | F | 243 (3) | D | \$ 103.24 | 16,896.62 <u>(2)</u> | D | |

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Securitian Acquires (A) or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3 and 5) | ive ies ed | 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 or Number of Shares |
| Performance Share Units | \$ 0 (4) | 02/29/2016 | | A | 707 | | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 707 |
| Performance Share Units (4) | <u>(4)</u> | 02/29/2016 | | M | | 707 (1) | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 707 <u>(1)</u> |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| • 5 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| Hirsch Elizabeth T | | | 37 ° | | | | | |
| C/O PRAXAIR, INC. | | | Vice | | | | | |
| 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD | | | President & | | | | | |
| DANBURY CT 06810-5113 | | | Controller | | | | | |

Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper,
Attorney-in-Fact

**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) Shares of common stock acquired pursuant to the payout of a performance share unit grant made on February 26, 2013 (the "PSU").
- (2) This total includes shares previously acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment under the Praxair Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Shares of common stock withheld from the PSU payout to cover tax withholdings.

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The PSU paid out on February 29, 2016, and the number of shares awareded and paid out was determined based upon the average annual return on capital ("ROC") of Praxair, Inc. from 2013 - 2015 measured against ROC goals set by the Compensation and Management Development Committee of the Board of Directors when the PSU was granted in 2013.

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