PRAXAIR INC Form 8-K/A September 23, 2004

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K/A

# CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report September 23, 2004

Date of Earliest Event Reported July 27, 2004

# PRAXAIR, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

#### **DELAWARE**

(State or Other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-11037

06-124-9050

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD, DANBURY, CT

06810-5113

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

#### (203)837-2000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area 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:

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

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

#### ITEM 5.02(d) Election of Directors

As reported on Form 8K dated July 27, 2004, Robert L. Wood, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Crompton Corporation, was elected to the board of directors of Praxair, Inc. (NYSE: PX), effective September 1, 2004. This Form 8K/A amends the current report on Form 8K dated July 27, 2004 to report that, at a meeting of the board of directors of Praxair, Inc. held on September 20, 2004, Mr. Wood was appointed to Praxair s Audit Committee and its Finance and Pension Committee.

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#### **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: September 23, 2004 By: /s/David H. Chaifetz

David H. Chaifetz

Vice President, General Counsel

and Secretary

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