PRAXAIR INC Form 4 July 07, 2006

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Alves Jose Paulo

(Middle)

C/O PRAXAIR, INC., 39 OLD

(First)

RIDGEBURY ROAD

DANBURY, CT 06810-5113

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PRAXAIR INC [PX]

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

07/05/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I)

Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** (Month/Day/Year) Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Acquired (ADisposed of Instr. 3, 4, 5)	f (D)					•
				Code V	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Deferred Stock (1)	\$ 0 (2)	07/05/2006		A	,	251.647		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	251.647	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
FS	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Alves Jose Paulo C/O PRAXAIR, INC. 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD DANBURY, CT 06810-5113	X						

Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper, Attorney-In-Fact 07/06/2006

**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) Deferred stock units acquired by reporting person under the Praxair, Inc. Director's Fees Deferral Plan (the "Plan") and are to be settled in Praxair Common Stock upon the reporting person's retirement or termination of service.
- (2) Conversion to Praxair Common Stock is on a 1-for-1 basis.
- (3) This total includes shares previously acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment under the Plan.

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