

ANGEL STEPHEN F  
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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 \*  
ANGEL STEPHEN F

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)  
C/O PRAXAIR, INC., 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/28/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President & CEO

DANBURY, CT 06810-5113

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	14,052	D	
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	2,268	I	In trust for children
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	58,147	I	Grantor Retained Annuity Trust
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	6,480.0459	I	401(k)

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 109.68	02/28/2012		A	236,510	02/28/2013 <sup>(1)</sup> 02/28/2022	Common Stock 236,510
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 36.58					02/24/2005 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/24/2014	Common Stock 30,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 44.25					02/22/2006 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/22/2015	Common Stock 14,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 53.98					02/28/2007 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/29/2016	Common Stock 13,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 61.47					02/27/2008 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/27/2017	Common Stock 30,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 83.89					02/26/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/26/2018	Common Stock 19,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 60.92					02/24/2010 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/24/2019	Common Stock 28,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 76.16					02/23/2011 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/23/2020	Common Stock 20,000

Stock Option (right to buy)					Common Stock	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 97.84	02/22/2012 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/22/2021		Common Stock	21
Deferred Stock	\$ 0 <sup>(5)</sup>	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>		Common Stock	65,8

## 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,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/29/2012

\*\*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 option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 28, 2013.
- (2) This option became exercisable in three (3) equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 23, 2011.
- (4) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 22, 2012.
- (5) Conversion to Praxair Common Stock is on a 1-for-1 basis.
- (6) 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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