

Savoia Sally A  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Savoia Sally A

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/02/2012

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

(Street)  
 DANBURY, CT 06810-5113

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock					302	I	Joint with spouse
Common Stock					18,529.2509	I	401(k)
Common Stock	03/02/2012		M	7,467 (1) A \$ 0	11,509.1161 (2)	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. 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Share Units <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	03/02/2012		A	7,467	<sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	7,467
Performance Share Units <sup>(3)</sup>	<sup>(3)</sup>	03/02/2012		M	7,467 <sup>(1)</sup>	<sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	7,467 <sup>(1)</sup>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Savoia Sally A C/O PRAXAIR, INC. 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD DANBURY, CT 06810-5113			Vice President	

## Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
03/06/2012  
*\*\*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) Shares of common stock acquired pursuant to the payout of a performance share unit grant made on February 24, 2009 (the "PSU").
- (2) This total includes shares previously acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment under the Praxair Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan and unvested restricted stock units.  
The PSU paid out on March 2, 2012 and the number of shares awarded and paid out was determined based upon the cumulative earnings per share ("EPS") of Praxair, Inc. from 2009 - 2011 measured against EPS goals set by the Compensation and Management Development Committee of the Board of Directors when the PSU was granted in 2009.
- (3) per share ("EPS") of Praxair, Inc. from 2009 - 2011 measured against EPS goals set by the Compensation and Management Development Committee of the Board of Directors when the PSU was granted in 2009.

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