

Hirsch Elizabeth T
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Hirsch Elizabeth T

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)
 04/27/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Vice President & Controller

DANBURY, CT 06810-5113

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 04/27/2012 | | M | 15,000 A \$ 36.58 | 28,296.1245 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/27/2012 | | S | 15,000 D \$ 115.8514 (2) | 13,296.1245 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 3,189.3108 | I | 401(K) |

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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 109.68 | | | | | 02/28/2013 ⁽³⁾ | 02/28/2022 | Common Stock | 9,68 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 36.58 | 04/27/2012 | | M | 15,000 | 02/24/2005 ⁽⁴⁾ | 02/24/2014 | Common Stock | 15,00 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 44.25 | | | | | 02/22/2006 ⁽⁴⁾ | 02/22/2015 | Common Stock | 18,00 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 53.98 | | | | | 02/28/2007 ⁽⁴⁾ | 02/28/2016 | Common Stock | 16,00 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 61.47 | | | | | 02/27/2008 ⁽⁴⁾ | 02/27/2017 | Common Stock | 18,00 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 83.89 | | | | | 02/26/2009 ⁽⁴⁾ | 02/26/2018 | Common Stock | 6,40 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 83.89 | | | | | 02/26/2009 ⁽⁴⁾ | 02/26/2018 | Common Stock | 9,60 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 60.92 | | | | | 02/24/2010 ⁽⁴⁾ | 02/24/2019 | Common Stock | 10,82 |

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|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------|--------------|-------|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 76.16 | 02/23/2011 ⁽⁵⁾ | 02/23/2020 | Common Stock | 5,11 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 97.84 | 02/22/2012 ⁽⁶⁾ | 02/22/2021 | Common Stock | 9,89 |
| Deferred Stock | \$ 0 ⁽⁷⁾ | <u>(8)</u> | <u>(8)</u> | Common Stock | 61.49 |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper,
Attorney-in-Fact
Date: 05/01/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

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 total includes shares previously acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment under the Praxair Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan and unvested restricted stock units.
The \$115.8514 price reported is the weighted average sale price. The sale prices ranged from \$115.705 to \$115.980 per share. Upon request of the SEC Staff, Praxair, Inc. or a security holder of Praxair, Inc., the reporting person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (2) The \$115.8514 price reported is the weighted average sale price. The sale prices ranged from \$115.705 to \$115.980 per share. Upon request of the SEC Staff, Praxair, Inc. or a security holder of Praxair, Inc., the reporting person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (3) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 28, 2013.
- (4) This option became exercisable in three (3) equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (5) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 23, 2011.
- (6) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 22, 2012.
- (7) Conversion to Praxair Common Stock is on a 1-for-1 basis.
- (8) Deferred stock units acquired under the Praxair, Inc. Compensation Deferral Plan as amended ("Deferral Plan") and are to be settled in Praxair Common Stock.

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