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**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 *
Breedlove James 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)
02/27/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Senior VP, Gen. Counsel & Sec.

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	02/27/2009		P		1,000 A \$ 57.617 (1)	D	
Common Stock	02/27/2009		P		1,000 A \$ 56.78	D	
Common Stock						I	401(k)
Common Stock	02/27/2009		M		6,390 (2) A \$ 0	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2009		P		1,000 A \$ 55.4289	D	

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The \$57.617 price reported is the weighted average purchase price. The purchase prices ranged from \$57.6165 to \$57.6175 per share.

(1) 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 purchased at each separate price.

(2) Shares of common stock acquired pursuant to the payout of a performance share unit grant made on February 27, 2007 (the "PSU").

The PSU vested on February 27, 2009, and the number of shares awarded and paid out was determined based upon the combined

(3) financial performance of Praxair, Inc. for 2007 and 2008 measured against financial goals set by the Compensation and Management Development Committee of the Board of Directors.

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