

Menezes Eduardo F  
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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 \*  
 Menezes Eduardo F

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O PRAXAIR, INC., 30 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD  
 (Street)

DANBURY, CT 06810-5113

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 PRAXAIR INC [PX]

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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	8,128.0859 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					1,812.7996	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	02/28/2012		A	43,005	02/28/2013 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/28/2022	Common Stock	43,005
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 44.25					02/22/2006 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/22/2015	Common Stock	23,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 53.98					02/28/2007 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/29/2016	Common Stock	25,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 61.47					02/27/2008 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/27/2017	Common Stock	25,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 83.89					02/26/2009 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/26/2018	Common Stock	16,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 60.92					02/24/2010 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/24/2019	Common Stock	31,130
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 76.16					02/23/2011 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/23/2020	Common Stock	19,610
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 97.84					02/22/2012 <sup>(5)</sup>	02/22/2021	Common Stock	42,880
Deferred Stock	\$ 0 <sup>(6)</sup>					<sup>(7)</sup>	<sup>(7)</sup>	Common Stock	214,400

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Menezes Eduardo F C/O PRAXAIR, INC. 30 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD DANBURY, CT 06810-5113			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper, Attorney-in-Fact	02/29/2012
<u>        </u> **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 total includes shares previously acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment under the Praxair Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan and unvested restricted stock units.
- (2) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 28, 2013.
- (3) This option became exercisable in three (3) equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (4) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 23, 2011.
- (5) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 22, 2012.
- (6) Conversion to Praxair Common Stock is on a 1-for-1 basis.
- (7) Deferred stock units acquired under the Praxair, Inc. Compensation Deferral Program as amended ("Deferred Program") and are to be settled in Praxair Common Stock.

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