ANGEL STEPHEN F Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

(City)

(State)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ANGEL STEPHEN F	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last) (First) (Middle)	PRAXAIR INC [PX] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
C/O PRAXAIR, INC., 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD	(Month/Day/Year) 02/23/2010	_X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) President & CEO		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
DANBURY, CT 06810-5113		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) (Z	Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	ecurities Aco	quired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit nAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	(A) or of (D)	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						23,917.057 (1)	D	
Common Stock						2,268	I	In trust for children
Common Stock						50,990	I	Joint Tenant with Wife
Common Stock						5,544.8825	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 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo Num Shar
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 76.16	02/23/2010		A	204,640	02/23/2011(2)	02/23/2020	Common Stock	20
Deferred Stock	\$ 0 <u>(3)</u>	02/23/2010		A	376.6209	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	376

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
ANGEL STEPHEN F						
C/O PRAXAIR, INC.	v	President & CEO				
39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD	X					
DANBURY, CT 06810-5113						

Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper,
Attorney-in-Fact 02/24/2010

**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) Includes shares of unvested restricted stock including shares acquired upon dividend reinvestment.
- (2) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 23, 2011.
- (3) Conversion to Praxair Common Stock is on a 1-for-1 basis.
- (4) 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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