PRAXAIR INC Form 4 March 05, 2015

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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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

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Bichara Guillermo

(First)

(Middle)

C/O PRAXAIR, INC., 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD

DANBURY, CT 06810-5113

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PRAXAIR INC [PX]

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

03/03/2015

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

VP, General Counsel & Secty

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ 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 | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Transactio | 4. Securi | | • | 5. Amount of Securities | 6. Ownership Form: Direct | 7. Nature of Indirect |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| (Instr. 3) | (| any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 3, | • | ` ′ | Beneficially Owned Following | (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | ` / | | 772.9625 | I | 401(k) |
| Common Stock | 03/03/2015 | | M | 1,103 (1) | A | \$0 | 1,904 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/03/2015 | | F | 376 <u>(2)</u> | D | \$ 127.9 | 1,528 | 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. Numb onDerivativ Securitie Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 5) | /e s l (A) or l of (D) | 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 or Number of Shares |
| Performance Share Units | \$ 0 (3) | 03/03/2015 | | A | 1,103 | | (3) | <u>(3)</u> | Common Stock | 1,103 |
| Performance Share Units | (3) | 03/03/2015 | | M | | 1,103 (1) | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 1,103 (1) |
| Deferred Stock Units | \$ 0 (4) | 03/03/2015 | | A | 0.342 | | <u>(5)</u> | (5) | Common Stock | 0.342 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------|--|--|--|
| reporting of the rame of reduces | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Bichara Guillermo | | | VD C 1 | | | | |
| C/O PRAXAIR, INC. | | | VP, General | | | | |
| 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD | | | Counsel & | | | | |
| DANBURY, CT 06810-5113 | | | Secty | | | | |

Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper,
Attorney-in-Fact 03/05/2015

**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).
- Shares of common stock acquired pursuant to the payout of a performance share unit grant made on February 28, 2012 (the "PSU").
- (2) Shares of common stock withheld from the PSU payout to cover tax withholdings.
- (3) The PSU paid out on March 3, 2015 and the number of shares awarded and paid out was determined based upon the cumulative earnings per share ("EPS") of Praxair, Inc. from 2012 2014 measured against EPS goals set by the Compensation and

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Management Development Committee of the Board of Directors when the PSU was granted in 2012.

- (4) Conversion to Praxair Common Stock is on a 1-for-1 basis.
- 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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