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PRAXAIR INC Form 8-K February 21, 2003

> SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

> > FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) ____February 21, 2003____

PRAXAIR, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

DELAWARE

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-11037 06-124-9050

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD, DANBURY, CT

06810-5113 _____ _____

(Zip Code)

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(203)837-2000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

ITEM 5. Other Events

On this date, Praxair, Inc. announced that William A. Wise, Chairman and Chief

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Executive Officer of El Paso Corporation, has resigned from Praxair's Board of Directors, effective February 21, 2003. See the registrant's press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

PRAXAIR, INC.
----Registrant

Date: February 21, 2003 By: /s/ Dennis H. Reilley

Dennis H. Reilley Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

Exhibit Index

Exhibit 99.1: Press Release dated February 21, 2003.