

PRAXAIR INC  
Form 425  
December 20, 2016

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 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): December 20, 2016**

**PRAXAIR, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**DELAWARE**  
**(State or Other jurisdiction of**  
**incorporation)**

**1-11037**  
**(Commission File Number)**

**06-124-9050**  
**(IRS Employer Identification No.)**

**10 RIVERVIEW DRIVE, DANBURY, CT**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**06810**  
**(Zip Code)**

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**(203) 837-2000**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD**

**DANBURY, CT 06810**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)**

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**ITEM 8.01 Other Events.**

On December 20, 2016, Praxair, Inc. ( Praxair ) and Linde AG ( Linde ) jointly issued a press release announcing that Praxair and Linde intend to combine in a merger of equals under a new holding company through an all-stock transaction and have signed a non-binding term sheet. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is hereby incorporated by reference. Information included on Praxair s website is not incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release dated December 20, 2016

**SIGNATURES**

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: December 20, 2016

By: /s/ Guillermo Bichara  
Guillermo Bichara  
Vice President, General Counsel  
  
and Secretary

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