SAWYER JAMES S

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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 * SAWYER JAMES S | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PRAXAIR INC [PX] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------|---|---|--|--|
| (Last) | (Last) (First) (Middle) | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (eneck all applicable) | | |
| | | | (Month/Day/Year) | Director 10% Owner | | |
| 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD | | | 11/03/2004 | _X_ Officer (give title Other (special below) | | |
| | | | | Senior Vice President and CFO | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) | | |
| DANBURY | , CT 06810- | -5113 | | _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tabl | e I - Non-I | Derivative : | Securi | ities Acqu | ired, Disposed of | , 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) | on(A) or Di | urities Acquired Disposed of (D) 3, 4 and 5) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 11/03/2004 | | M | 70,000 | A | \$ 22.01 | 88,967.743 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/03/2004 | | S | 1,300 | D | \$ 42.4 | 87,667.743 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/03/2004 | | S | 200 | D | \$ 42.41 | 87,467.743 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/03/2004 | | S | 800 | D | \$ 42.42 | 86,667.743 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/03/2004 | | S | 100 | D | \$ 42.45 | 86,567.743 | D | |

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| Common Stock | 11/03/2004 | S | 1,400 | D | \$ 42.46 | 85,167.743 | D |
|-----------------|------------|---|--------|---|-------------|------------|---|
| Common Stock | 11/03/2004 | S | 100 | D | \$ 42.47 | 85,067.743 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/03/2004 | S | 9,300 | D | \$ 42.48 | 75,767.743 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/03/2004 | S | 7,800 | D | \$ 42.49 | 67,967.743 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/03/2004 | S | 14,400 | D | \$ 42.5 | 53,567.743 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/03/2004 | S | 1,400 | D | \$ 42.51 | 52,167.743 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/03/2004 | S | 5,200 | D | \$ 42.52 | 46,967.743 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/03/2004 | S | 2,600 | D | \$ 42.53 | 44,367.743 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/03/2004 | S | 2,000 | D | \$ 42.54 | 42,367.743 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/03/2004 | S | 2,400 | D | \$ 42.55 | 39,967.743 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/03/2004 | S | 7,200 | D | \$ 42.56 | 32,767.743 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/03/2004 | S | 2,800 | D | \$ 42.57 | 29,967.743 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/03/2004 | S | 900 | D | \$ 42.58 | 29,067.743 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/03/2004 | S | 200 | D | \$ 42.59 | 28,867.743 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/03/2004 | S | 600 | D | \$ 42.6 | 28,267.743 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/03/2004 | S | 900 | D | \$ 42.63 | 27,367.743 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/03/2004 | S | 1,500 | D | \$ 42.65 | 25,867.743 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/03/2004 | S | 600 | D | \$ 42.66 | 25,267.743 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/03/2004 | S | 1,500 | D | \$ 42.68 | 23,767.743 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/03/2004 | S | 700 | D | \$ 42.69 | 23,067.743 | D |
| | 11/03/2004 | S | 3,100 | D | \$ 42.7 | 19,967.743 | D |

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Common Stock

Common Stock S 1,000 D \$ 18,967.743 D

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | Secu Acqu or D | rities nired (A) isposed of r. 3, 4, | 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 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 22.01 | 11/03/2004 | | M | | 70,000 | 02/21/2003 | 02/21/2011 | Common Stock | 70,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 27.43 | 11/03/2004 | | M | | 30,000 | 01/02/2003 | 01/02/2012 | Common Stock | 30,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 26.425 | 11/03/2004 | | M | | 30,000 | 02/28/2004 | 02/28/2013 | Common Stock | 30,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Keiationsinps | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| SAWYER JAMES S | | | Senior Vice | | | | | |
| 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD | | | President and | | | | | |
| DANBURY, CT 06810-5113 | | | CFO | | | | | |

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Signatures

Mark S. Lyon, Attorney-in-Fact

**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).

Remarks:

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