

SAWYER JAMES S  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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

(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) (First) (Middle)  
C/O PRAXAIR, INC., 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/26/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive V.P. and CFO

(Street)  
DANBURY, CT 06810-5113

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock					11,238.3077	I	401(k)
Common Stock	02/26/2010		M		3,520 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$ 0
Common Stock	02/26/2010		F		1,153.285 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	\$ 75.005
					16,222.1813 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
					15,068.8963 <sup>(2)</sup>	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. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Share Units <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/26/2010		A	3,520	<sup>(4)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock	3,520
Performance Share Units <sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(4)</sup>	02/26/2010		M	3,520 <sup>(1)</sup>	<sup>(4)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock	3,520 <sup>(1)</sup>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SAWYER JAMES S C/O PRAXAIR, INC. 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD DANBURY, CT 06810-5113			Executive V.P. and CFO	

## Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
03/02/2010  
  
\*\*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) Shares of common stock acquired pursuant to the payout of a performance share unit grant made on February 26, 2008 (the "PSU").
- (2) This total includes shares previously acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment under the Praxair Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Shares of common stock withheld from the PSU payout to cover tax withholdings.
- (4) The PSU vested on February 26, 2010, and the number of shares awarded and paid out was determined based upon the combined financial performance of Praxair, Inc. for 2008 and 2009 measured against financial goals set the Compensation and Management Development Committee of the Board of Directors.

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