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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement PRAXAIR INC [PX] A Roberge Raymond P (Month/Day/Year) 04/24/2012 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O PRAXAIR, INC., 39 OLD (Check all applicable) RIDGEBURY ROAD (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Senior Vice President Person DANBURY, Â CTÂ 06810-5113 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock D 4,668.7552 (1) Common Stock 69.3527 I 401(k) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of
Security	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Indirect Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (right to buy)	02/27/2008(2)	02/27/2017	Common Stock	22,500	\$ 61.47	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	02/26/2009(2)	02/26/2018	Common Stock	13,700	\$ 83.89	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	02/24/2010(3)	02/24/2019	Common Stock	27,090	\$ 60.92	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	02/23/2011(4)	02/23/2020	Common Stock	20,465	\$ 76.16	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	02/22/2012(5)	02/22/2021	Common Stock	19,790	\$ 97.84	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	02/28/2013(6)	02/28/2022	Common Stock	21,505	\$ 109.68	D	Â
Deferred Stock	(7)	(7)	Common Stock	15,189.422	\$ 0 (8)	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships		
. 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Roberge Raymond P					
C/O PRAXAIR, INC.	Â	â	Senior Vice President	â	
39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD	А	A	A Sellior vice President	A	
DANBURY, CT 06810-5113					

Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper, Attorney-in-Fact 05/03/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- This total includes shares previously acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment under the Praxair Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan and unvested restricted stock units.
- (2) This option became exercisable in three (3) equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 24, 2010.
- (4) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 23, 2011.
- (5) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 22, 2012.
- (6) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 28, 2013.

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- (7) Deferred stock units acquired under the Praxair, Inc. Compensation Deferral Program as amended ("Deferral Program") and are to be settled in Praxair Common Stock.
- (8) Conversion to Praxair Common Stock is on a 1-for-1 basis.

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