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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SMITH WAYNE T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

PRAXAIR INC [PX]

(First) (Middle) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) X_ Director Officer (give title 01/02/2013

C/O PRAXAIR, INC., 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

DANBURY, CT 06810-5113

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned

5. Amount of 7. Nature of 6. Ownership Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** (Month/Day/Year) Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0 (1)	01/02/2013		A		222.064		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	222.064

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SMITH WAYNE T C/O PRAXAIR, INC. 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD DANBURY, CT 06810-5113	X						

Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper, Attorney-in-Fact

01/04/2013

**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) Conversion to Praxair Common Stock is on a 1-for-1 basis.
- (2) Deferred stock units acquired by reporting person under the Praxair, Inc. Director's Fees Deferral Plan and are to be settled in Praxair Common Stock upon the reporting person's retirement or termination of service.
- (3) This total includes shares previously acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment under the Plan.

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