

Breedlove James T
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Breedlove James T

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

DANBURY, CT 06810-5113

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
PRAXAIR INC [PX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/15/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Senior VP, Gen. Counsel & Sec.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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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)
Common Stock	08/15/2012		M	10,000	A \$ 60.92 46,207 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	08/15/2012		S	10,000	D \$ 107.653 36,207 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock					4,703.2706	I	401(k)

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 83.89					02/26/2009 ⁽³⁾ 02/26/2018	Common Stock 39,3
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 60.92	08/15/2012		M	10,000	02/24/2010 ⁽³⁾ 02/24/2019	Common Stock 10,0
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 76.16					02/23/2011 ⁽⁴⁾ 02/23/2020	Common Stock 34,9
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 97.84					02/22/2012 ⁽⁵⁾ 02/22/2021	Common Stock 37,9
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 109.68					02/28/2013 ⁽⁶⁾ 02/28/2022	Common Stock 36,0
Deferred Stock	\$ 0 ⁽⁷⁾					⁽⁸⁾ ⁽⁸⁾	Common Stock 1,113

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Breedlove James T C/O PRAXAIR, INC. 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD DANBURY, CT 06810-5113			Senior VP, Gen. Counsel & Sec.	

Signatures

Anthony M.
Pepper

08/16/2012

 Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) This total includes shares of unvested restricted stock units.

The \$107.653 price reported is the weighted average sale price. The sale prices ranged from \$107.570 to \$107.770 per share. Upon request of the SEC Staff, Praxair, Inc. or a security holder of Praxair, Inc., the reporting person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(3) This option became exercisable in three (3) equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

(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.

(7) Conversion to Praxair Common Stock is on a 1-for-1 basis.

(8) Deferred stock units acquired under the Praxair, Inc. Compensation Deferral Program as amended ("Deferral Program") and are to be settled in Praxair Common Stock.

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