

Ristevski George P
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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 *
 Ristevski George P

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
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/23/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Vice President

DANBURY, CT 06810-5113

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/23/2010		A	(A) or (D) A	1,000 \$ 0 <u>(1)</u> <u>(1)</u>	3,029.6431 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock					12,066.4079	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 76.16	02/23/2010		A	19,610	02/23/2011 ⁽³⁾	02/23/2020	Common Stock	19,610
Deferred Stock	\$ 0 ⁽⁴⁾	02/23/2010		A	60,386.5	⁽⁵⁾	⁽⁵⁾	Common Stock	60,386.5

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ristevski George P C/O PRAXAIR, INC. 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD DANBURY, CT 06810-5113			Vice President	

Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper, Attorney-in-Fact	02/25/2010
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

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) Restricted stock unit award, payable in shares of Praxair Common Stock, vesting in three equal consecutive, annual installments beginning on February 23, 2011.
- (2) This total includes shares previously acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment under the Praxair Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 23, 2011.
- (4) Conversion to Praxair Common Stock is on a 1-for-1 basis.
- (5) Deferred stock units acquired under the Praxair, Inc. Compensation Deferral Program as amended ("Deferred Program") and are to be settled in Praxair Common Stock.

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