

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**

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(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)  
39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
04/29/2011

\_\_\_\_ 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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	04/29/2011		S		13,418.4614	D	\$ 106.1039
Common Stock	05/02/2011		M		27,067	A	\$ 60.92
Common Stock	05/02/2011		S		27,067	D	\$ 106.02 (1)
Common Stock	05/02/2011		M		17,906	A	\$ 76.16
Common Stock	05/02/2011		S		17,906	D	\$ 106 (2)

Common Stock 12,031.2265 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 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/26/2018	Common Stock 37,4
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 60.92	05/02/2011		M	27,067	02/24/2010 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/24/2019	Common Stock 27,0
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 76.16	05/02/2011		M	17,906	02/23/2011 <sup>(5)</sup> 02/23/2020	Common Stock 17,9
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 97.84					02/22/2012 <sup>(6)</sup> 02/22/2021	Common Stock 56,0
Deferred Stock	\$ 0 <sup>(7)</sup>					<sup>(8)</sup> <sup>(8)</sup>	Common Stock 4,821

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
			Executive V.P. and CFO	

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## Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper,  
Attorney-in-Fact

05/03/2011

\_\_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) The \$106.02 price reported is the weighted average sale price. The sale prices ranged from \$105.90 to \$106.35 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.
  - (2) The \$106.00 price reported is the weighted average sale price. The sale prices ranged from \$106.00 to \$106.06 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 24, 2010.
  - (5) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 23, 2011.
  - (6) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 22, 2012.
  - (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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