

PRAXAIR INC  
Form 8-K  
July 26, 2010

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) July 26, 2010**

**PRAXAIR, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

(State or Other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-11037

(Commission File Number)

06-124-9050

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD, DANBURY, CT

(Address of principal executive offices)

06810-5113

(Zip Code)

(203)837-2000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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**ITEM 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(d) On July 26, 2010, the Board of Directors of Praxair, Inc. ( Praxair ) elected Oscar de Paula Bernardes a director of Praxair. Mr. Bernardes will be entitled to participate in the non-management director compensation arrangements described under the captions Director Compensation-*director compensation program* and Director Compensation-*Changes for 2010* in Praxair s 2010 proxy statement dated March 16, 2010. This includes a grant of 1,220 restricted stock units pursuant to the 2009 Praxair, Inc. Long Term Incentive Plan, as amended, reflecting the pro-rata value of the 2010 non-employee directors annual equity grant for Mr. Bernardes service until the next annual meeting of shareholders.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

PRAXAIR, INC.

Registrant

Date: July 26, 2010

By: /s/ James T. Breedlove  
James T. Breedlove  
Senior Vice President,  
General Counsel and Secretary