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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Telesz Scott E			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)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
C/O PRAXAIR, INC., 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD			02/29/2016	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify		
				below) below) Executive Vice President		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	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 Person		
DANBURY, CT 06810-5113						

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	e Secu	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price		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					. ,		1,105	I	In Trusts for Children
Common Stock	02/29/2016		M	3,107 (1)	A	\$ 0	41,202 (2)	D	
Common Stock	02/29/2016		F	1,067 (3)	D	\$ 103.24	40,135 (2)	D	

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Numb orDerivati Securition Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	ve es d (A) or d of (D)	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 or Number of Shares
Performance Share Units	\$ 0 (4)	02/29/2016		A	3,107		<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	3,107
Performance Share Units	<u>(4)</u>	02/29/2016		M		3,107 (1)	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	3,107 (1)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
Toporomg O mass I mano / I mare os	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Telesz Scott E								
C/O PRAXAIR, INC.		Executive						
39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD		Vice						
DANRURY CT 06810-5113			President					

Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper,
Attorney-in-Fact 03/01/2016

**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) Shares of common stock acquired pursuant to the payout of a performance share unit grant made on February 26, 2013 (the "PSU").
- (2) Includes unvested restricted stock units.
- (3) Shares of common stock withheld from the PSU payout to cover tax withholdings.
- The PSU paid out on February 29, 2016 and the number of shares awarded and paid out was determined based upon the average annual (4) return on capital ("ROC") of Praxair, Inc. from 2013 2015 measured against ROC goals set by the Compensation and Management Development Committee of the Board of Directors when the PSU was granted in 2013.

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