

PRAXAIR INC
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Dear Praxair Shareholder:

You have recently received a proxy card in the mail for Praxair, Inc.'s Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on April 27, 2004 at 9:30AM. Our records indicate that you have elected to view the Notice of Meeting, the Proxy Statement for that meeting, and Praxair, Inc.'s Annual Report to shareholders on the internet, rather than receiving hardcopies in the mail; an approach that saves Praxair money. This consent to electronic "delivery" remains in force for all future Annual Meeting mailings without any further action by you.

This letter is notice to you that these documents are now available for viewing and downloading as follows:

2003 Annual Report: www.praxair.com/annualreport
2004 Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement: www.praxair.com/proxy

Even if you have consented to electronic delivery, you may still request hardcopies by contacting Mark S. Lyon at Praxair, Inc., 39 Old Ridgebury Road, M-1, Danbury, CT 06810-5113.

If you wish to revoke your consent (or believe our records are in error), then you should contact Registrar and Transfer Company, 10 Commerce Drive, Cranford, NJ 07106. They can also be reached by telephone at (800) 368-5948 or via e-mail at info@rtco.com. If your stock holdings are in one or more of the Savings Plans included in the total number of shares set forth on your proxy card, Registrar and Transfer Company will communicate your revocation to the plan administrator for you.

Please vote your shares! Your vote is important!

We recommend that you cast your vote at the internet voting site at <https://proxyvotenow.com/pxa>.
