

MALFITANO RICARDO S  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MALFITANO RICARDO S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PRAXAIR, INC., 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD

(Street)

DANBURY, CT 06810-5113

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
PRAXAIR INC [PX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/27/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 or (D) Price					
Common Stock	02/27/2009		M		8,747.2 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$ 0	33,243.9883	D	
Common Stock	02/27/2009		F		3,478.7658 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$ 57.705	29,765.2225	D	
Common Stock								2,605.8132	I	401(k)

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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)
Performance Share Units (3)	\$ 0 (3)	02/27/2009		A	8,747.2	(3) (3)	Common Stock 8,7
Performance Share Units (3)	(3)	02/27/2009		M	8,747.2 (1)	(3) (3)	Common Stock 8,7

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
03/03/2009

\_\_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 27, 2007 (the "PSU").
- (2) Shares of common stock withheld from the PSU payout to cover tax withholdings.
- (3) The PSU vested on February 27, 2009, and the number of shares awarded and paid out was determined based upon the combined financial performance of Praxair, Inc. for 2007 and 2008 measured against financial goals set by the Compensation and Management Development Committee of the Board of Directors.

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