PRAXAIR INC Form 4 March 01, 2016

FORM 4

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ANGEL STEPHEN F			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PRAXAIR INC [PX]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner			
C/O PRAXAIR, INC., 39 OLD			02/29/2016	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify			
RIDGEBURY ROAD				below) below) Chairman, President & CEO			
(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			
DANBURY,	CT 06810-	5113		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	omr Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of	` ′	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							2,268	I	In trust for children
Common Stock							58,065	I	Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts
Common Stock							8,163.8004	I	401(k)
Common Stock	02/29/2016		M	16,503 (1)	A	\$ 0	150,251.127	D	

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Common Stock 02/29/2016 F $\frac{7,656}{(2)}$ D $\frac{\$}{103.24}$ 142,595.127 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		erivative Expiration Date ecurities Acquired (Month/Day/Year) A) or Disposed of D)		7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Performance Share Units	\$ 0 (3)	02/29/2016		A	16,503		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	16,5
Performance Share Units	<u>(3)</u>	02/29/2016		M		16,503 (1)	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	16,5 (1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ANGEL STEPHEN F
C/O PRAXAIR, INC.
39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD
DANBURY, CT 06810-5113

Relationships

Other

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) Shares of common stock withheld from the PSU payout to cover tax withholdings.

(3)

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The PSU paid out on February 29, 2016, and the number of shares awarded and paid out was determined based upon the average annual 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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