

MALFITANO RICARDO S  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
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)  
05/19/2011

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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/19/2011		M	68,000 A \$ 26.425	103,379.9172 (1)	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2011		S	68,000 D \$ 105.033 (2)	35,379.9172 (1)	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2011		M	80,000 A \$ 36.58	115,379.9172 (1)	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2011		S	80,000 D \$ 105.016 (3)	35,379.9172 (1)	D	
					2,704.8798	I	401(k)

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Common  
Stock

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.425	05/19/2011		M	68,000	02/28/2004 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/28/2013	Common Stock	68,000	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 36.58	05/19/2011		M	80,000	02/24/2005 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/24/2014	Common Stock	80,000	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 44.25					02/22/2006 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/22/2015	Common Stock	100,000	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 53.98					02/28/2007 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/29/2016	Common Stock	92,000	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 61.47					02/27/2008 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/27/2017	Common Stock	92,000	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 83.89					02/26/2009 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/26/2018	Common Stock	54,000	
	\$ 60.92					02/24/2010 <sup>(5)</sup> 02/24/2019		83,900	



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Deferred stock units acquired under the Praxair, Inc. Compensation Deferral Program as amended ("Deferral Program") and are to be settled in Praxair Common Stock.

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