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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 \*  
 White Matthew J

(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)  
 05/21/2010

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)  
 Vice President & Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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)
Common Stock	05/21/2010		I	(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price I 1,338.64 (1) A \$ 77.1	1,960.915	I	401(k)

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)**

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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 44.25					02/22/2006 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/22/2015	Common Stock	12,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 53.98					02/28/2007 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/28/2016	Common Stock	20,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 61.47					02/27/2008 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/27/2017	Common Stock	20,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 83.89					02/26/2009 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/26/2018	Common Stock	7,200
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 83.89					02/26/2009 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/26/2018	Common Stock	10,800
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 60.92					02/24/2010 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/24/2019	Common Stock	20,290
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 76.16					02/23/2011 <sup>(5)</sup>	02/23/2020	Common Stock	13,640
Deferred Stock	\$ 0 <sup>(6)</sup>					<sup>(7)</sup>	<sup>(7)</sup>	Common Stock	50.599

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
White Matthew J C/O PRAXAIR, INC. 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD DANBURY, CT 06810-5113			Vice President & Controller	

## Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper,  
Attorney-in-Fact

05/24/2010

\_\_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) Exempt discretionary purchase transaction pursuant to SEC Rule 16b-3(f).
  - (2) This option became exercisable in three (3) equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
  - (3) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 26, 2009.
  - (4) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 24, 2010.
  - (5) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 23, 2011.
  - (6) Conversion to Praxair Common Stock is on a 1-for-1 basis.
  - (7) Deferred stock units acquired under the Praxair, Inc. Compensation Deferral Program as amended ("Deferred Program") and are to be settled in Praxair Common Stock.

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