

PRAXAIR INC  
Form 4  
February 02, 2005

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**KUEHN RONALD L JR**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**EL PASO CORPORATION, 1900  
FIFTH AVENUE NORTH, 20TH  
FLOOR**

(Street)

**BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**02/02/2005**

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)

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

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 02/02/2005                              |                                                             | M                                    | V Amount (A)<br>or (D)<br>\$ Price                                      | 15,602                                                                                                             | D                                                                       |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 02/02/2005                              |                                                             | S                                    | 300 D \$ 43.22                                                          | 15,302                                                                                                             | D                                                                       |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 02/02/2005                              |                                                             | S                                    | 4,700 D \$ 43.19                                                        | 10,602                                                                                                             | 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities (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. Date and Amount of Securities Acquired or Disposed of (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 20.4375                                             | 02/02/2005                           |                                                    | M                              | 5,000                                                                          | 04/01/1998 04/01/2006                                    | Common Stock                                                  | 5,000                                                                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                          | Relationships                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                                                         | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| KUEHN RONALD L JR<br>EL PASO CORPORATION<br>1900 FIFTH AVENUE NORTH, 20TH FLOOR<br>BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203 | X                                |

## Signatures

Mark S. Lyon,  
Attorney-in-Fact 02/02/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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