BULUS DOMINGOS H

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **BULUS DOMINGOS H** Issuer Symbol PRAXAIR INC [PX] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title __ Other (specify C/O PRAXAIR, INC., 39 OLD 05/26/2009 below) RIDGEBURY ROAD Vice President (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 Form filed by More than One Reporting DANBURY, CT 06810-5113 Person

(City)	(State)	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. Securit or 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	05/26/2009		M	17,000	A	\$ 22.3438	24,395.7196	D	
Common Stock	05/26/2009		S	17,000	D	\$ 72.6071	7,395.7196 (2)	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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$\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (\emph{e.g.}, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \\ \end{tabular}$

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	orDeriv Secur Acqu	rities ired (A) sposed of . 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.3438	05/26/2009		M		17,000	12/14/2000(3)	12/14/2009	Common Stock	17,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.01						02/21/2002(3)	02/21/2011	Common Stock	20,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.625						12/31/2002(3)	12/31/2011	Common Stock	28,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.425						02/28/2004(3)	02/28/2013	Common Stock	30,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 36.58						02/24/2005(3)	02/24/2014	Common Stock	22,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 44.25						02/22/2006(3)	02/22/2015	Common Stock	26,300
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 53.98						02/28/2007(3)	02/28/2016	Common Stock	23,900
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 61.47						02/27/2008(3)	02/27/2017	Common Stock	19,300
• •	\$ 83.89						02/26/2009(3)	02/26/2018		11,400

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Stock Option (right to buy)				Common Stock	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 83.89	02/26/2011(4)	02/26/2018	Common Stock	6,000
Stock Option	\$ 60.92	02/24/2010(3)	02/24/2019	Common Stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BULUS DOMINGOS H							
C/O PRAXAIR, INC.			Vice				
39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD			President				
DANBURY, CT 06810-5113							

Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper, Attorney-in-Fact

05/27/2009

**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).
- The \$72.6071 price reported is the weighted average sale price. The sale prices ranged from \$72.60 to \$72.67 per share. Upon request of (1) the SEC Staff, Praxair, Inc. or a security holder of Praxair, Inc., the reporting person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (2) This total includes shares previously acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment under the Praxair Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.
- This option became or becomes exercisable in three (3) equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of the grant.
- This option will vest in full if Praxair, Inc. achieves cumulative fiscal year earnings per share growth of at least 33% over 2007 earnings (4) per share at any time prior to January 1, 2011. If vested, the option may be exercised beginning on the third anniversary of the grant date. If Praxair, Inc. fails to meet the cumulative earnings per share goal, this option will be forfeited.

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