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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement PRAXAIR INC [PX] Savoia Sally A (Month/Day/Year) 04/26/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O PRAXAIR, INC., Â 39 OLD (Check all applicable) RIDGEBURY ROAD (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer _ Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Vice President Person DANBURY, Â CTÂ 06810-5113 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â D Common Stock 3,992.4768 (1) Joint with spouse Common Stock 302 I 781 (2) Common Stock I Owned by child Common Stock 18,253.695 Ι 401(k)Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	ole and	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisabl	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (right to buy)	02/28/2004(3)	02/28/2013	Common Stock	40,000	\$ 26.425	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	02/24/2005(3)	02/24/2014	Common Stock	50,000	\$ 36.58	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	02/22/2006(3)	02/22/2015	Common Stock	55,000	\$ 44.25	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	02/28/2007(3)	02/29/2016	Common Stock	45,000	\$ 53.98	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	02/27/2008(3)	02/27/2017	Common Stock	35,000	\$ 61.47	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	02/26/2009(3)	02/26/2018	Common Stock	21,000	\$ 83.89	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	02/24/2010(4)	02/24/2019	Common Stock	29,780	\$ 60.92	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	02/23/2011(5)	02/23/2020	Common Stock	22,175	\$ 76.16	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	02/22/2012(6)	02/22/2021	Common Stock	21,440	\$ 97.84	D	Â
Deferred Stock	(7)	(7)	Common Stock	59,942.003	\$ 0 (8)	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Savoia Sally A						
C/O PRAXAIR, INC.	Â	â	Vice President	â		
39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD	А	A	A vice President	A		
DANBURY, CT 06810-5113						

Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper, Attorney-in-Fact 05/03/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- This total includes shares previously acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment under the Praxair Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan and unvested restricted stock units.
- (2) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership as to these shares.
- (3) This option became exercisable in three (3) equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (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) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 22, 2012.
- (7) Deferred stock units acquired under the Praxair, Inc. Compensation Deferral Program as amended ("Deferral Program") and are to be settled in Praxair Common Stock.
- (8) Conversion to Praxair Common Stock is on a 1-for-1 basis.

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