

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)  
02/17/2012

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  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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                    | 02/17/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 100,000   | A  | \$ 44.25  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 135,882.6131<br>(1)                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/17/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 100,000   | D  | \$ 110.001<br>(2)                                     |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 35,882.6131<br>(1)                                    |
| Common Stock                    | 02/17/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 18,443  | A  | \$ 53.98  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 54,325.6131<br>(1)                                    |
| Common Stock                    | 02/17/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 18,443  | D  | \$ 110  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 35,882.6131<br>(1)                                    |
| Common Stock                    | 02/17/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 19,632  | A  | \$ 61.47  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 55,514.6131   |

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|              |            |   |        |   |        |             |   |        |
|--------------|------------|---|--------|---|--------|-------------|---|--------|
| Common Stock | 02/17/2012 | S | 19,632 | D | \$ 110 | 35,882.6131 | D |        |
| Common Stock |            |   |        |   |        | 2,745.6155  | 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)

| 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount  |                  |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---------|------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title   | Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 44.25   | 02/17/2012                           |  | M                              | 100,000   | 02/22/2006 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/22/2015                     | Common Stock  | 100,000 |                  |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 53.98   | 02/17/2012                           |  | M                              | 18,443  | 02/28/2007 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/29/2016                     | Common Stock  | 18,443  |                  |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 61.47   | 02/17/2012                           |  | M                              | 19,632  | 02/27/2008 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/27/2017                     | Common Stock  | 19,632  |                  |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 83.89   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/26/2009 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/26/2018                     | Common Stock  | 54,000  |                  |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 60.92   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/24/2010 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/24/2019                     | Common Stock  | 83,000  |                  |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 76.16   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/23/2011 <sup>(5)</sup> 02/23/2020                     | Common Stock  | 53,000  |                  |

