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PRAXAIR INC Form 8-K October 29, 2003

> UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

> > FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) October 29, 2003

PRAXAIR, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State or Other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-11037

(Commission File Number)

06-124-9050

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

(203)837-2000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

ITEM 5. Other Events

Praxair, Inc. has announced that its Board of Directors declared a 25% increase in its dividend payout for the fourth quarter of 2003. The Board of Directors also declared a two-for-one split of the company's common stock, to be effected in the form of a stock dividend. See the registrant's press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

PRAXAIR, INC. -----Registrant

Date: October 29, 2003

By:

James S. Sawyer Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit 99.1: Press Release dated October 29, 2003.