

PRAXAIR INC
Form 4
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FORM 4

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol				6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
Payton, Benjamin F.			Praxair, Inc. (PX)				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		
(Last) (First) (Middle)			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)		4. Statement for Month/Day/Year				
Grey Columns 399 Montgomery Road					04/01/03				
(Street)					5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)		7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
Tuskegee, AL 36083-1519							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City) (State) (Zip)			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 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		

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

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

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FORM 4 (continued) 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 & 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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				5)		Date Exer-cisable	Expira- tion Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)
				Code	V							
Stock Options (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾	57.52	04/01/03		A	2,500.00	04/01/05	04/01/13	Common Stock	2,500.00	57.52	2,500.00	D

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Grant to reporting person of options to buy shares of Common Stock of the issuer under the Praxair, Inc. 1995 Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

By: /s/ **Mark S. Lyon**
Attorney-in-fact

April 2, 2003
 Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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 See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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