

PRAXAIR INC  
Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Kramer Randy S		(Month/Day/Year)	PRAXAIR INC [PX]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below) Vice President	
DANBURY, Â CT Â 06810-5113			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	14,647.437	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Title	Amount or Number of		

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	12/31/2002 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/31/2011	Common Stock	29,000	\$ 27.625	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/28/2004 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/28/2013	Common Stock	36,000	\$ 26.425	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/24/2005 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/24/2014	Common Stock	40,000	\$ 36.58	D	Â
Deferred Stock <sup>(4)</sup>	Â <sup>(5)</sup>	Â <sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock	238,526	\$ <sup>(6)</sup>	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kramer Randy S 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD DANBURY, CT 06810-5113	Â	Â	Â Vice President	Â

## Signatures

Mark S. Lyon,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
Date: 12/21/2004

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) This stock option vests in 3 equal installments beginning on December 31, 2002.
- (2) This stock option vests in 3 equal installments beginning on February 28, 2004.
- (3) This stock option vests in 3 equal installments beginning on February 24, 2005.
- (4) Deferred stock units accrued under the 1993 Praxair, Inc. Compensation Deferral Program, as amended, and are to be settled in Praxair Common Stock.
- (5) See Note (4) above.
- (6) Conversion to Praxair Common Stock is on a 1-for-1 basis.

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### Remarks:

Exhibit List: Exhibit 24. Power of Attorney dated December 14, 2004.

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