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## FORM 4

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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and A  Angel Stepher	2. Issue <b>Praxai</b> i		me and Tic	ker or	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)						
(Last) 39 Old Ridgel	of Reporting Person,					Statement for onth/Day/Year /24/03					
							Executive Vice President	Executive Vice President			
Danbury, CT					Da	If Amendment, tte of Original Ionth/Day/Year)	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(Cit	Т	able	I Non-E	Derivat		osed of, or Beneficially Owned					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans- action	Execution Date,	3. Trans	- ode	4. Securitie (A) or Disp (Instr. 3, 4 Amount	es Acqu oosed o	iired	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Owner- ship Form:	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial	

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

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## **FORM 4 (continued)** Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. 7	Title of	2. Conver-	3. Trans-	3A.	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable	7. Title and	8. Price of	9. Number of	10.	11. Natur
Dei	rivative	sion or	action	Deemed	Trans-	of	and Expiration	Amount of	Derivative	Derivative	Owner-	of Indire
Sec	urity	Exercise	Date	Execution	action	Derivative	Date	Underlying	Security	Securities	ship	Beneficia
		Price of		Date,	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/	Securities	(Instr. 5)	Beneficially	Form	Ownersh
(Ins	str. 3)	Derivative	(Month/	if any		Acquired	Year)	(Instr. 3 & 4)		Owned	of Deriv-	(Instr. 4)
			Day/	(Month/	(Instr.	(A) or				Following	ative	
			Year)	Day/	8)	Disposed of				Reported	Security:	
				Year)		(D)				Transaction(s)	Direct	
										(Instr. 4)	(D)	
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					(Instr. 3, 4 & 5)								or Indirect	
			Code	V	(A)	` /	Exer-cisable	Expira- tion Date		Amount or Number of Shares			(I) (Instr. 4)	
Deferred Stock(1)	1 for 1	01/24/03	A		322.997		(2)		Common Stock	322.997	54.18	4,968.071	D	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Deferred stock units accrued under the 1993 Praxair, Inc. Compensation Deferral Program as amended and are to be settled in Praxair common stock.

(2) See Note (1) above.

By: /s/ Mark S. Lyon
Attorney-in-fact
\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

<u>January 24, 2003</u> Date

\*\*Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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