

PRAXAIR INC  
Form 5  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**MALFITANO RICARDO S**  
  
(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
**39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD**  
  
(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**PRAXAIR INC [PX]**

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/31/2005**

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 Reporting

(check applicable line)

**DANBURY, CT 06810-5113**

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(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 and 5) |              | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--------------|--|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) Amount  | or (D) Price |  |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 09/27/2005                           | Â  | P                              | 15 <sup>(1)</sup>   | A \$ 47.3279 | 25,659.1401  | D  | Â  |
| Common Stock                    | 09/28/2005                           | Â  | P                              | 36 <sup>(1)</sup>   | A \$ 47.6579 | 25,695.1401  | D  | Â  |
| Common Stock                    | 10/05/2005                           | Â  | S                              | 2 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D \$ 47.79   | 25,693.1401  | D  | Â  |

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. ...                     |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | (A) (D)  |   |  |                            |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                            |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                    | Other |
| MALFITANO RICARDO S<br>39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD<br>DANBURY, CT 06810-5113 | ^             | ^         | ^ Executive Vice President | ^     |

## Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper,  
Attorney-in-Fact

03/01/2006

        \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

The transactions reported on this form were effected by a broker without the authorization or knowledge of the Reporting Person. After (1) discovery of the transactions, the Reporting Person disgorged to the Issuer the full amount of the short swing profit, \$0.93, calculated in accordance with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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