

PRAXAIR INC  
Form 8-K  
April 24, 2008

**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) April 21, 2008**

**PRAXAIR, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

1-11037

06-124-9050

(State or Other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD, DANBURY, CT

06810-5113

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(203)837-2000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(b) Pursuant to the Director Retirement Policy of the Board of Directors of Praxair, Inc., Ronald L. Kuehn, Jr. and G. Jackson Ratcliffe, Jr. retired from the Board of Directors of Praxair effective April 21, 2008.

**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: April 24, 2008

By: /s/ James T. Breedlove  
James T. Breedlove  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
and Secretary