

PRAXAIR INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Bichara Guillermo

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O PRAXAIR, INC., 39 OLD
RIDGEBURY ROAD
(Street)

DANBURY, CT 06810-5113

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/29/2016

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)
VP, General Counsel & Secty

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | | | | | 971.565 | I | 401(k) |
| Common Stock | 02/29/2016 | | M | 428 ⁽¹⁾ A | \$ 0 1,956 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/29/2016 | | F | 146 ⁽²⁾ D | \$ 103.24 1,810 | D | |

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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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Performance Share Units ⁽³⁾ | \$ 0 ⁽³⁾ | 02/29/2016 | | A | 428 | ⁽³⁾ ⁽³⁾ | Common Stock | 428 |
| Performance Share Units ⁽³⁾ | ⁽³⁾ | 02/29/2016 | | M | 428 ⁽¹⁾ | ⁽³⁾ ⁽³⁾ | Common Stock | 428 ⁽¹⁾ |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Bichara Guillermo C/O PRAXAIR, INC. 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD DANBURY, CT 06810-5113 | | | VP, General Counsel & Secty | |

Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper,
Attorney-in-Fact

03/01/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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- (1) Shares of common stock acquired pursuant to the payout of a performance share unit grant made on February 26, 2013 (the "PSU").
- (2) Shares of common stock withheld from the PSU payout to cover tax withholdings.

(3) The PSU paid out on February 29, 2016 and the number of shares awarded and paid out was determined based upon the average annual return on capital ("ROC") of Praxair, Inc. from 2013- 2015 measured against ROC goals set by the Compensation and Management Development Committee of the Board of Directors when the PSU was granted in 2013.

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