

PRAXAIR INC  
Form 8-K  
January 25, 2012

**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) January 25, 2012**

**PRAXAIR, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**DELAWARE**

**(State or Other jurisdiction**

**of incorporation)**

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**1-11037**  
(Commission

File Number)

**06-124-9050**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

**39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD, DANBURY, CT**  
(Address of principal executive offices)  
**(203) 837-2000**

**06810-5113**  
(Zip Code)

(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))

**ITEM 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On January 25, 2012, Praxair, Inc. issued a press release setting forth Praxair, Inc.'s results of operations for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2011. A copy of Praxair, Inc.'s press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit (99.1) and is hereby incorporated by reference in this Item 2.02.

**ITEM 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(b) On January 25, 2012, Praxair, Inc. issued a press release announcing that Ricardo S. Malfitano, an Executive Vice President, will retire from Praxair on March 1, 2012, and that Eduardo F. Menezes and Scott E. Telesz, each currently a Senior Vice President, have been promoted to Executive Vice Presidents, effective March 1, 2012. A copy of Praxair, Inc.'s press release is filed herewith as Exhibit (99.2) and is hereby incorporated by reference in this Item 5.02(b).

**ITEM 8.01 Other Events.**

On January 25, 2012, Praxair, Inc. issued a press release announcing that the Board of Directors has approved a 10% increase in Praxair's annual dividend rate and a new \$1.5 billion stock repurchase program. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.3 and is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 8.01.

**ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are included in this Form 8-K:

**Exhibit**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release dated January 25, 2012 Regarding Results of Operations
99.2	Press Release dated January 25, 2012 Regarding Executive Officer Retirement and Promotions
99.3	Press Release dated January 25, 2012 Regarding Dividend and New Stock Repurchase Program

**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: January 25, 2012

By: /s/ Elizabeth T. Hirsch  
Elizabeth T. Hirsch  
Vice President and Controller

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