

WESTENDORF ALAN J
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FORM 4

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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 *
WESTENDORF ALAN J

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/05/2005

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
Retired VP

(Street)
DANBURY, CT 06810-5113

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	01/05/2005		M		22,737.648	A	\$ 42.47
Common Stock	01/05/2005		F		6,821.295	D	\$ 42.47
							39,392.7953
							32,571.5003

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)

Table with 7 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D), 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities. Row 1: Deferred Stock Units (1), \$ 0 (2), 01/05/2005, M, 22,737.648, (3), (3), Common Stock, 22,737.648.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships. Row 1: WESTENDORF ALAN J, 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD, DANBURY, CT 06810-5113, Retired VP.

Signatures

Mark S. Lyon, Attorney-in-Fact, 01/07/2005, **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).
(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) Conversion to Praxair Common Stock is on a 1-for-1 basis.
(3) See Note (1) above.

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