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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
FORM 10-Q

x **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**
For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2009

OR

.. **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**
For the transition period from _____ to _____

PRAXAIR, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-11037
(Commission File Number)

06-1249050
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD, DANBURY, CT
(Address of principal executive offices)

06810-5113
(Zip Code)

(203) 837-2000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. **Yes x No**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). **Yes x No**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer, and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). **Yes** **No x**

At June 30, 2009, 306,796,799 shares of common stock (\$0.01 par value) of the Registrant were outstanding.

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Table of Contents**PRAXAIR, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**

(Millions of dollars, except per share data)

(UNAUDITED)

| | Quarter Ended June 30, | |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| SALES | \$ 2,138 | \$ 2,878 |
| Cost of sales, exclusive of depreciation and amortization | 1,190 | 1,748 |
| Selling, general and administrative | 265 | 341 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 207 | 216 |
| Research and development | 18 | 24 |
| Other income (expense) - net | (11) | (6) |
| OPERATING PROFIT | 447 | 543 |
| Interest expense - net | 33 | 52 |
| INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES AND EQUITY INVESTMENTS | 414 | 491 |
| Income taxes | 109 | 137 |
| INCOME BEFORE EQUITY INVESTMENTS | 305 | 354 |
| Income from equity investments | 6 | 8 |
| NET INCOME (INCLUDING NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS) | 311 | 362 |
| Less: noncontrolling interests | (12) | (13) |
| NET INCOME - PRAXAIR, INC. | \$ 299 | \$ 349 |
| PER SHARE DATA - PRAXAIR, INC. SHAREHOLDERS | | |
| Basic earnings per share | \$ 0.97 | \$ 1.11 |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ 0.96 | \$ 1.08 |
| Cash dividends per share | \$ 0.40 | \$ 0.375 |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING (000 s): | | |
| Basic shares outstanding | 307,957 | 315,312 |
| Diluted shares outstanding | 312,429 | 322,088 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Table of Contents**PRAXAIR, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**

(Millions of dollars, except per share data)

(UNAUDITED)

| | Six Months Ended June 30, | |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| SALES | \$ 4,261 | \$ 5,541 |
| Cost of sales, exclusive of depreciation and amortization | 2,385 | 3,343 |
| Selling, general and administrative | 530 | 676 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 406 | 426 |
| Research and development | 36 | 48 |
| Pension settlement charge | | 17 |
| Other income (expense) - net | (15) | (6) |
| OPERATING PROFIT | 889 | 1,025 |
| Interest expense - net | 68 | 99 |
| INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES AND EQUITY INVESTMENTS | 821 | 926 |
| Income taxes | 223 | 259 |
| INCOME BEFORE EQUITY INVESTMENTS | 598 | 667 |
| Income from equity investments | 11 | 17 |
| NET INCOME (INCLUDING NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS) | 609 | 684 |
| Less: noncontrolling interests | (20) | (28) |
| NET INCOME - PRAXAIR, INC. | \$ 589 | \$ 656 |
| PER SHARE DATA - PRAXAIR, INC. SHAREHOLDERS | | |
| Basic earnings per share | \$ 1.91 | \$ 2.09 |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ 1.89 | \$ 2.04 |
| Cash dividends per share | \$ 0.80 | \$ 0.75 |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING (000 s): | | |
| Basic shares outstanding | 307,887 | 314,624 |
| Diluted shares outstanding | 312,021 | 321,245 |

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PRAXAIR, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Millions of dollars)

(UNAUDITED)

| | June 30, 2009 | December 31, 2008 |
|--|------------------|-------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 33 | \$ 32 |
| Accounts receivable - net | 1,555 | 1,604 |
| Inventories | 423 | 445 |
| Prepaid and other current assets | 181 | 220 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | 2,192 | 2,301 |
| Property, plant and equipment (less accumulated depreciation of \$8,864 at June 30, 2009 and \$8,341 at December 31, 2008) | 8,435 | 7,922 |
| Goodwill | 1,953 | 1,909 |
| Other intangible assets - net | 119 | 121 |
| Other long-term assets | 887 | 801 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 13,586 | \$ 13,054 |
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 721 | \$ 820 |
| Short-term debt | 393 | 642 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 692 | 674 |
| Other current liabilities | 670 | 843 |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES | 2,476 | 2,979 |
| Long-term debt | 4,022 | 3,709 |
| Other long-term obligations | 2,142 | 2,055 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 8,640 | 8,743 |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 10) | | |
| EQUITY | | |
| Praxair, Inc. Shareholders' equity | 4,638 | 4,009 |
| Noncontrolling interests | 308 | 302 |
| TOTAL EQUITY | 4,946 | 4,311 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | \$ 13,586 | \$ 13,054 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Table of Contents**PRAXAIR, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

(Millions of dollars)

(UNAUDITED)

| | Six Months Ended June 30, | |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| OPERATIONS | | |
| Net income - Praxair, Inc. | \$ 589 | \$ 656 |
| Noncontrolling interests | 20 | 28 |
| Net income (including noncontrolling interests) | \$ 609 | \$ 684 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 406 | 426 |
| 2008 Cost reduction program, payments | (28) | |
| Deferred income taxes | 29 | 11 |
| Share-based compensation | 19 | 22 |
| Accounts receivable | 47 | (269) |
| Inventory | 19 | (33) |
| Prepaid and other current assets | 14 | (25) |
| Payables and accruals | (246) | 95 |
| Pension contributions | (9) | (13) |
| Other | 52 | (130) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 912 | 768 |
| INVESTING | | |
| Capital expenditures | (663) | (724) |
| Acquisitions | (11) | (70) |
| Divestitures and asset sales | 13 | 46 |
| Net cash used for investing activities | (661) | (748) |
| FINANCING | | |
| Short-term debt borrowings - net | (272) | 108 |
| Long-term debt borrowings | 833 | 918 |
| Long-term debt repayments | (504) | (670) |
| Issuances of common stock | 37 | 154 |
| Purchases of common stock | (85) | (332) |
| Cash dividends - Praxair, Inc. shareholders | (246) | (236) |
| Excess tax benefit on stock option exercises | 6 | 44 |
| Noncontrolling interest transactions and other | (22) | |
| Net cash used for financing activities | (253) | (14) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | 3 | 4 |
| Change in cash and cash equivalents | 1 | 10 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning-of-period | 32 | 17 |

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|--|-------|-------|
| Cash and cash equivalents, end-of-period | \$ 33 | \$ 27 |
|--|-------|-------|

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Table of Contents**PRAXAIR, INC AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EQUITY**

(Millions of dollars, except per share data, shares in thousands)

(UNAUDITED)

| Activity | Common Stock | | | Praxair, Inc. Shareholders' Equity | | Treasury Stock | | Praxair, Inc. Shareholders' Equity | | Total Equity |
|--|--------------|---------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| | Shares | Amounts | Additional Paid-In Capital | Retained Earnings | Comprehensive Income (Loss) | Shares | Amounts | Shareholders' Equity | Noncontrolling Interests | |
| Balance, January 1, 2009 | 377,026 | \$ 4 | \$ 3,328 | \$ 6,068 | \$ (1,768) | 70,165 | \$ (3,623) | \$ 4,009 | \$ 302 | \$ 4,311 |
| Net Income | | | | 589 | | | | 589 | 20 | 609 |
| Translation Adjustments | | | | | 307 | | | 307 | | 307 |
| Derivative Instruments, net of \$3 million taxes | | | | | 7 | | | 7 | | 7 |
| Funded Status - retirement obligations, net of \$1 million taxes | | | | | (2) | | | (2) | | (2) |
| Comprehensive income (a) | | | | | | | | 901 | 20 | 921 |
| Dividends to Praxair, Inc common stock (\$0.80 per share) | | | | (246) | | | | (246) | | (246) |
| Dividends to noncontrolling interests | | | | | | | | | (16) | (16) |
| Contributions from noncontrolling interests | | | | | | | | | 5 | 5 |
| Purchases of noncontrolling interests | | | (8) | | | | | (8) | (5) | (13) |
| Sales of noncontrolling interests | | | | | | | | | 2 | 2 |
| Issuances of common stock: | | | | | | | | | | |
| For the dividend reinvestment and stock purchase plan | 54 | | 4 | | | | | 4 | | 4 |
| For employee savings and incentive plans | 895 | | 25 | | | (233) | 15 | 40 | | 40 |
| Purchases of common stock | | | | | | 1,246 | (88) | (88) | | (88) |
| Tax benefit from stock options | | | 7 | | | | | 7 | | 7 |
| Share-based compensation | | | 19 | | | | | 19 | | 19 |
| Balance, June 30, 2009 | 377,975 | \$ 4 | \$ 3,375 | \$ 6,411 | \$ (1,456) | 71,178 | \$ (3,696) | \$ 4,638 | \$ 308 | \$ 4,946 |

(a) The components of comprehensive income are as follows:

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| | Quarter ended June 30, 2009 |
|---|--|
| Net income (including noncontrolling interests) | \$ 311 |
| Cumulative translation adjustments | 461 |
| Derivative instruments | 1 |
| Pension/OPEB funded status obligation | (8) |
| | 765 |
| Less: noncontrolling interests | 21 |
| Comprehensive income - Praxair, Inc. | \$ 744 |

(b) The components of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) are as follows:

| | June 30, 2009 | December 31, 2008 |
|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Cumulative translation adjustments (CTA) | \$ (988) | \$ (1,295) |
| Derivative instruments | 4 | (3) |
| Pension/OPEB funded status obligation | (459) | (457) |
| | (1,443) | (1,755) |
| Less: noncontrolling interests (CTA) | 13 | 13 |
| AOCI - Praxair, Inc. | \$ (1,456) | \$ (1,768) |

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Table of Contents**PRAXAIR, INC AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EQUITY**

(Millions of dollars, except per share data, shares in thousands)

(UNAUDITED)

| Activity | Common Stock | | Praxair, Inc. Shareholders' Equity | | | Equity | | Praxair, Inc. | | Total Equity |
|--|--------------|---------|------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------|--------------|
| | Shares | Amounts | Additional Paid-In Capital | Retained Earnings | Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) (b) | Treasury Stock | Shareholders' Equity | Noncontrolling Interests | | |
| Balance, January 1, 2008 | 373,145 | \$ 4 | \$ 3,074 | \$ 5,325 | (\$672) | 57,657 | (\$2,589) | \$ 5,142 | \$ 321 | \$ 5,463 |
| Net Income | | | | 656 | | | | 656 | 28 | 684 |
| Translation Adjustments | | | | | 229 | | | 229 | 13 | 242 |
| Derivative Instruments, net of \$2 million taxes | | | | | (5) | | | (5) | | (5) |
| Funded Status - retirement obligations, net of \$9 million taxes | | | | | 14 | | | 14 | | 14 |
| Comprehensive income (a) | | | | | | | | 894 | 41 | 935 |
| Dividends to Praxair, Inc common stock (\$0.75 per share) | | | | (236) | | | | (236) | | (236) |
| Dividends to noncontrolling interests | | | | | | | | | (19) | (19) |
| Purchases of noncontrolling interests | | | | | | | | | (9) | (9) |
| Sales of noncontrolling interests | | | | | | | | | (17) | (17) |
| Issuances of common stock: | | | | | | | | | | |
| For the dividend reinvestment | | | | | | | | | | |
| and stock purchase plan | 42 | | 4 | | | | | 4 | | 4 |
| For employee savings and incentive plans | 3,085 | | 114 | | | (717) | 40 | 154 | | 154 |
| Purchases of common stock | | | | | | 4,347 | (359) | (359) | | (359) |
| Tax benefit from stock options | | | 50 | | | | | 50 | | 50 |
| Share-based compensation | | | 22 | | | | | 22 | | 22 |
| Balance, June 30, 2008 | 376,272 | \$ 4 | \$ 3,264 | \$ 5,745 | (\$ 434) | 61,287 | (\$ 2,908) | \$ 5,671 | \$ 317 | \$ 5,988 |

(a) The components of comprehensive income are as follows:

Quarter ended
June 30,

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| | 2008 |
|---|---------------|
| Net income (including noncontrolling interests) | \$ 362 |
| Cumulative translation adjustments | 140 |
| Derivative instruments | 1 |
| Pension/OPEB funded status obligation | 7 |
| | 510 |
| Less: noncontrolling interests | 13 |
| Comprehensive income - Praxair, Inc. | \$ 497 |

(b) The components of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) are as follows:

| | June 30, 2008 | December 31, 2007 |
|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Cumulative translation adjustments (CTA) | \$ (174) | \$ (416) |
| Derivative instruments | (5) | |
| Pension/OPEB funded status obligation | (221) | (235) |
| | (400) | (651) |
| Less: noncontrolling interests (CTA) | 34 | 21 |
| AOCI - Praxair, Inc. | \$ (434) | \$ (672) |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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PRAXAIR, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(UNAUDITED)

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Presentation of Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements - In the opinion of Praxair, Inc. (Praxair) management, the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements include all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the interim periods presented and such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature. The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the notes to the consolidated financial statements of Praxair, Inc. and subsidiaries in Praxair's 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K. There have been no material changes to the company's significant accounting policies during 2009. Praxair evaluated subsequent events up to July 29, 2009, the date the financial statements are issued.

Accounting Standards Implemented in 2009

The following standards were all effective for Praxair in 2009:

SFAS No. 160, *Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements* requires noncontrolling interests (previously referred to as minority interests) in subsidiaries to be classified as a separate component of equity in the consolidated financial statements. The new standard also requires the amounts of net income and comprehensive income attributable to the noncontrolling interests to be included in consolidated net income on the face of the statement of income and comprehensive income, respectively, and requires various additional disclosures related to noncontrolling interests. SFAS No. 160 requires changes in ownership interest that result either in consolidation or deconsolidation to be recorded at fair value through earnings, including the retained ownership interest, while changes that do not result in either consolidation or deconsolidation of a subsidiary are treated as equity transactions. Also, in accordance with the transition provisions, prior year's presentations and disclosures have been retrospectively adjusted to conform with SFAS No. 160. Effective in 2009, transactions with noncontrolling interests are accounted for and disclosed in accordance with SFAS No. 160.

SFAS No. 161, *Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities* an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133, requires enhanced disclosures on the effect of derivatives on a company's consolidated financial statements. See Note 5 for required disclosures.

FSP FAS 107-1, *Interim Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments* an amendment of FASB Statement No. 107, requires disclosures about fair value of financial instruments in interim financial information for periods ending after June 15, 2009. See Note 5 for required disclosures. At the time Praxair adopted FSP FAS 107-1, the following standards, which did not have an impact, were also required to be adopted: FSP FAS 157-4, *Determining Whether a Market Is Not Active and a Transaction Is Not Distressed*, and FSP FAS 115-2, FAS 124-2, and EITF 99-20-2, *Recognition and Presentation of Other-Than-Temporary Impairments*.

SFAS No. 165, *Subsequent Events* establishes accounting and reporting standards for events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued or are available to be issued and requires the disclosure of the date through which a company has evaluated subsequent events. This statement is effective for Praxair for the period ended June 30, 2009 and the adoption did not have an impact on the condensed consolidated financial statements. See the section captioned *Presentation of the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements* for required disclosures.

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The following standards were also effective for Praxair in 2009 and their adoption did not have an impact on the condensed consolidated financial statements. Refer to Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements of Praxair's 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K for a summary of these standards:

SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements as it relates to non-financial assets and liabilities that are recognized at fair value in the financial statements on a non-recurring basis.

SFAS No. 141(R), Business Combinations,

EITF 07-1, Accounting for Collaborative Arrangements, and;

EITF 08-6, Equity Method Investment Accounting Considerations.

Accounting Standards to Be Implemented

In June 2009, the FASB issued SFAS No. 166, Accounting for Transfers of Financial Assets, which changes the way entities account for securitizations. The new standard is effective for Praxair on January 1, 2010 and the adoption is not expected to have a significant impact on the consolidated financial statements.

In June 2009, the FASB issued SFAS No. 167, Amendments to FASB Interpretation No. 46(R), which changes the way entities account for special-purpose entities. The new standard is effective for Praxair on January 1, 2010 and the adoption is not expected to have a significant impact on the consolidated financial statements.

In June 2009, the FASB issued SFAS No. 168, The FASB Accounting Standards Codification and the Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles a replacement of FASB Statement No. 162. The Codification is effective July 1, 2009 at which point all then-existing non-SEC accounting and reporting standards will be superseded. The references to the Codification will be reflected in Praxair's third quarter 2009 consolidated financial statements. This will not have an impact to the consolidated financial statements.

Reclassifications Certain prior years' amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation. Such reclassifications relate primarily to the presentation of noncontrolling interests in the condensed consolidated financial statements, as required by SFAS No. 160.

2. 2008 Cost Reduction Program

In the fourth quarter 2008, Praxair recorded pre-tax charges totaling \$118 million relating to severance for approximately 1,675 employees and other exit costs associated with a global cost reduction program which was initiated in response to the continuing economic downturn. At June 30, 2009, 1,486 of these positions have been eliminated. The remaining actions are planned to be completed in 2009 primarily as businesses are sold or shut down.

The following table summarizes the activity related to the company's cost reduction program accrual for the six months ended June 30, 2009:

| <i>(Millions of dollars)</i> | Severance Costs | Costs associated with Exit or Disposal Activities | Total Cost Reduction Program |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Balance, January 1, 2009 | \$ 42 | \$ 7 | \$ 49 |
| Less: Cash payments | (26) | (2) | (28) |
| Foreign currency translation & other | (1) | (1) | (2) |

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|------------------------|----|----|----|---|----|----|
| Balance, June 30, 2009 | \$ | 15 | \$ | 4 | \$ | 19 |
|------------------------|----|----|----|---|----|----|

For further details regarding the cost reduction program, refer to Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements of Praxair's 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Table of Contents**3. Inventories**

The following is a summary of Praxair's consolidated inventories:

| <i>(Millions of dollars)</i> | June 30, 2009 | December 31, 2008 |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Raw materials and supplies | \$ 152 | \$ 141 |
| Work in process | 57 | 54 |
| Finished goods | 214 | 250 |
| | \$ 423 | \$ 445 |

Table of Contents**4. Debt**

The following is a summary of Praxair's outstanding debt at June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008:

| <i>(Millions of dollars)</i> | June 30, 2009 | December 31, 2008 |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| SHORT-TERM | | |
| Commercial paper and U.S. bank borrowings | \$ 89 | \$ 243 |
| European borrowings | 28 | 18 |
| Canadian borrowings | 78 | 194 |
| South American borrowings | 10 | |
| Asian borrowings | 171 | 168 |
| Other international borrowings | 17 | 19 |
| Total short-term debt | 393 | 642 |
| LONG-TERM | | |
| U.S. borrowings | | |
| Commercial Paper (c) | 664 | 1,137 |
| Floating Rate Notes due 2010 (c, e) | 500 | |
| 6.375% Notes due 2012 (a, b) | 512 | 514 |
| 3.95% Notes due 2013 (a) | 350 | 350 |
| 4.375% Notes due 2014 (a, d) | 299 | |
| 5.25% Notes due 2014 (a) | 400 | 400 |
| 4.625% Notes due 2015 (a) | 500 | 500 |
| 5.375% Notes due 2016 (a) | 400 | 400 |
| 5.20% Notes due 2017 (a) | 325 | 325 |
| Other | 8 | 8 |
| European borrowings | 637 | 642 |
| South American borrowings | 67 | 52 |
| Asian borrowings | 46 | 48 |
| Obligations under capital lease | 6 | 7 |
| | 4,714 | 4,383 |
| Less: current portion of long-term debt | (692) | (674) |
| Total long-term debt | 4,022 | 3,709 |
| Total debt | \$ 5,107 | \$ 5,025 |

(a) Amounts are net of unamortized discounts.

(b) June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 include a \$13 million and \$15 million fair value increase, respectively, related to SFAS 133 hedge accounting. See Note 5 for additional information.

(c) Classified as long-term because of the company's intent to refinance this debt on a long-term basis and the availability of such financing under the terms of existing agreements.

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- (d) On March 26, 2009, Praxair issued \$300 million of 4.375% notes due 2014. The proceeds were used to repay short-term debt and for general corporate purposes.

- (e) On May 26, 2009, Praxair issued \$500 million of floating rate notes due 2010. The notes bear interest at a rate of three-month LIBOR plus 0.09% (0.75% at June 30, 2009). The proceeds were used to repay short-term debt and for general corporate purposes.

Table of Contents**5. Financial Instruments**

In its normal operations, Praxair is exposed to market risks relating to fluctuations in interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates, energy costs and to a lesser extent precious metal prices. The objective of financial risk management at Praxair is to minimize the negative impact of such fluctuations on the company's earnings and cash flows. To manage these risks, among other strategies, Praxair routinely enters into various derivative financial instruments (derivatives) including interest-rate swap and treasury rate lock agreements, currency-swap agreements, forward contracts, currency options, and commodity-swap agreements. These instruments are not entered into for trading purposes and Praxair only uses commonly traded and non-leveraged instruments.

There are two types of derivatives that the company enters into: (i) those relating to fair-value exposures, and (ii) those relating to cash-flow exposures. Fair-value exposures relate to recognized assets or liabilities, and firm commitments; while cash-flow exposures relate to the variability of future cash flows associated with recognized assets or liabilities, or forecasted transactions.

When a derivative is executed and hedge accounting is appropriate, it is designated as either a fair-value hedge or a cash-flow hedge. Currently, Praxair designates all interest-rate, treasury rate lock and commodity-swap agreements as hedges for accounting purposes; however, currency contracts are generally not designated as hedges for accounting purposes unless they are related to forecasted transactions. Whether designated as hedges for accounting purposes or not, all derivatives are linked to an appropriate underlying exposure. On an ongoing basis, the company assesses the hedge effectiveness of all derivatives designated as hedges for accounting purposes to determine if they continue to be highly effective in offsetting changes in fair values or cash flows of the underlying hedged items. If it is determined that the hedge is not highly effective, then hedge accounting will be discontinued prospectively.

Counterparties to Praxair's derivatives are major banking institutions with credit ratings of investment grade or better and no collateral is required, and there are no significant risk concentrations. Management believes the risk of incurring losses on derivative contracts related to credit risk is remote and any losses would be immaterial.

The following table is a summary of the notional amount and fair value of derivatives outstanding at June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 for consolidated subsidiaries (all maturities are within one year):

| | Notional Amounts | | Fair Value (a) | | | |
|---|------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | June 30, 2009 | December 31, 2008 | June 30, 2009 | December 31, 2008 | Assets | Liabilities |
| <i>(Millions of dollars)</i> | | | | | | |
| Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments: | | | | | | |
| Currency contracts: | | | | | | |
| Balance sheet items | \$ 933 | \$ 616 | \$ 11 | \$ 3 | \$ 2 | \$ 24 |
| Anticipated net income | 77 | 20 | | 5 | 8 | |
| Total | \$ 1,010 | \$ 636 | \$ 11 | \$ 8 | \$ 10 | \$ 24 |
| Derivatives Designated as Hedging Instruments: | | | | | | |
| Currency contracts: | | | | | | |
| Forecasted purchases | \$ 9 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Interest rate contracts: | | | | | | |
| Treasury rate locks | | 500 | | 6 | | |
| Total | \$ 9 | \$ 500 | \$ | \$ 6 | \$ | \$ |
| Total Derivatives | \$ 1,019 | \$ 1,136 | \$ 11 | \$ 14 | \$ 10 | \$ 24 |

(a) Assets are recorded in prepaid and other current assets, and liabilities are recorded in other current liabilities.

Table of Contents**Currency Contracts*****Balance Sheet Items***

Foreign currency contracts related to balance sheet items consist of forward contracts entered into to manage the exposure to fluctuations in foreign-currency exchange rates on recorded balance sheet assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the related operating unit. The fair value adjustments on these contracts are offset by the fair value adjustments recorded on the hedged assets and liabilities.

Anticipated Net Income

The anticipated net income hedge contracts consist of forward contracts and, at June 30, 2009 relate to anticipated net income in Brazil and Europe (at December 31, 2008 they relate to anticipated net income in Brazil). Over the term of the contracts, the fair value adjustments from net-income hedging contracts are largely offset by the impacts on reported net income resulting from the currency translation process. SFAS No. 133 does not allow hedges of anticipated net income to be designated as hedging instruments.

Forecasted Purchases

Foreign currency contracts related to forecasted purchases consist of forward contracts entered into to manage the exposure to fluctuations in foreign-currency exchange rates on forecasted purchases of capital-related equipment and services denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the related operating units. These forward contracts were designated and accounted for as cash flow hedges in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 133.

Interest Rate Contracts***Treasury Rate Locks***

In December 2008, Praxair entered into treasury rate lock contracts totaling \$500 million notional amount to hedge the cash flow exposure attributable to the changes in the treasury rate portion of the interest rate on a forecasted debt issuance. The treasury rate locks were designated as and accounted for as cash flow hedges in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 133. In January 2009, the company settled the treasury rate locks and received a cash payment of \$16 million (\$10 million net of taxes) which was recorded as a gain in accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI). The gain in AOCI will be reclassified to earnings over the term of the debt, once issued.

In February 2008, Praxair entered into a treasury rate lock to hedge the cash flow exposure attributable to the \$500 million of 4.625% notes issued on March 7, 2008. The treasury rate lock was accounted for as a cash flow hedge with the resulting fair value adjustments recorded in AOCI. The treasury rate lock was settled at a loss of \$7 million (\$4 million net of taxes) which was recorded in AOCI and is currently being reclassified to earnings as an increase to interest expense over the remaining term of the underlying debt.

Interest Rate Swaps

During 2002, Praxair entered into and terminated \$500 million notional amount of interest-rate swap agreements that effectively converted fixed-rate interest to variable-rate interest on the \$500 million 6.375% notes that mature in April 2012. The termination resulted in a cash gain of \$47 million, which Praxair recognized in earnings and was equally offset with a charge to earnings for the changes in the fair value of the underlying debt instrument. This debt increase of \$47 million is being recognized in earnings as a reduction to interest expense over the remaining term of the underlying debt, or about ten years. In each of the quarters ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, \$1 million was recognized as a reduction to interest expense and \$13 million remains unrecognized at June 30, 2009 (\$15 million at December 31, 2008) and is shown as an increase to long-term debt (not in the tables that follow).

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The following table summarizes the impacts of the Company's derivatives on the consolidated statement of income and AOCI for the quarters ended June 30, 2009 and 2008:

| <i>(Millions of dollars)</i> | Amount of Pre-Tax Gain (Loss) Recognized in Earnings (a) | | | |
|--|---|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| | Quarter ended | | Six months ended | |
| | June 30, | June 30, | June 30, | June 30, |
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 |
| Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments | | | | |
| Currency contracts: | | | | |
| Balance sheet items | | | | |
| Debt-related | \$ 21 | \$ (11) | \$ 1 | \$ (8) |
| Other balance sheet items | 2 | (2) | 3 | (3) |
| Anticipated net income | (16) | (4) | (13) | (7) |
| Total | \$ 7 | \$ (17) | \$ (9) | \$ (18) |

| <i>(Millions of dollars)</i> | Amount of Pre-Tax Gain (Loss) Recognized in AOCI (b) | | | |
|--|---|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| | Quarter ended | | Six months ended | |
| | June 30, | June 30, | June 30, | June 30, |
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 |
| Derivatives Designated as Hedging Instruments | | | | |
| Currency contracts: | | | | |
| Forecasted purchases (c) | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Interest rate contracts: | | | | |
| Treasury rate locks | | | 10 | (7) |
| Interest rate swaps (d) | | 2 | | |
| Total | \$ | \$ 2 | \$ 10 | \$ (7) |

- (a) Balance sheet items offset by gains (losses) recorded on the underlying hedged assets and liabilities. The gains (losses) for the derivatives and the underlying hedged assets and liabilities related to debt items are recorded in the consolidated statement of income as interest expense-net. Other balance sheet items and anticipated net income gains (losses) are recorded in the consolidated statement of income as other income (expense)-net.
- (b) The gains (losses) for interest rate contracts are reclassified to earnings as interest expense-net. The amount of gains (losses) reclassified to earnings for the quarters and six-month periods ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 was less than \$1 million. There was no ineffectiveness.
- (c) The amount recognized in AOCI during the periods was less than \$1 million.
- (d) A Praxair joint venture in China which is accounted for as an equity investment has an interest rate swap totaling \$60 million notional amount. A portion of the fair value adjustment on the interest rate swaps representing Praxair's ownership interest in the joint venture has been recorded in AOCI.

Table of Contents**Fair Value Disclosures**

SFAS No. 157 establishes a fair value hierarchy for disclosure of fair value measurements as follows:

- Level 1 quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2 quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets or inputs that are observable
- Level 3 inputs that are unobservable (for example cash flow modeling inputs based on assumptions)

The following table summarizes assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis at June 30, 2009:

| <i>(Millions of dollars)</i> | Fair Value Measurements Using | | | Total |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|---------|-------|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | |
| Assets | | | | |
| Derivative assets | | \$ 11 | | \$ 11 |
| Investments | \$ 6 | | | \$ 6 |
| Total | \$ 6 | \$ 11 | | \$ 17 |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Derivative liabilities | | \$ 10 | | \$ 10 |

The fair values of the derivative assets and liabilities are based on market prices obtained from independent brokers or determined using quantitative models that use as their basis readily observable market parameters that are actively quoted and can be validated through external sources, including third-party pricing services, brokers and market transactions. Investments are marketable securities traded on an exchange.

The fair values of cash and cash equivalents, short-term debt, accounts receivables-net, and accounts payable approximate carrying amounts because of the short maturities of these instruments. The fair value of long-term debt is estimated based on the quoted market prices for the same or similar issues. At June 30, 2009, the estimated fair value of Praxair's long-term debt portfolio was \$4,849 million versus a carrying value of \$4,714 million. At December 31, 2008, the estimated fair value of Praxair's long-term debt portfolio was \$4,456 million versus a carrying value of \$4,383 million. Differences from carrying amounts are attributable to interest-rate changes subsequent to when the debt was issued.

6. Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing Net Income - Praxair, Inc. for the period by the weighted average number of Praxair common shares outstanding. Diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing Net Income - Praxair, Inc. for the period by the weighted average number of Praxair common shares outstanding and dilutive common stock equivalents, as follows:

| | Quarter Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|--|---------------|---------|------------------|---------|
| | June 30, | 2008 | June 30, | 2008 |
| | 2009 | | 2009 | 2008 |
| NUMERATOR (Millions of dollars) | | | | |
| Net Income - Praxair, Inc. | \$ 299 | \$ 349 | \$ 589 | \$ 656 |
| DENOMINATOR (Thousands of shares) | | | | |
| Weighted average shares outstanding | 307,269 | 314,504 | 307,205 | 313,809 |
| Shares earned and issuable under compensation plans | 688 | 808 | 682 | 815 |
| Weighted average shares used in basic earnings per share | 307,957 | 315,312 | 307,887 | 314,624 |
| Effect of dilutive securities | | | | |

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|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Performance-based and restricted stock awards | 110 | 200 | 131 | 177 |
| Employee stock options | 4,362 | 6,576 | 4,003 | 6,444 |
| Weighted average shares used in diluted earnings per share | 312,429 | 322,088 | 312,021 | 321,245 |
| BASIC EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE | \$ 0.97 | \$ 1.11 | \$ 1.91 | \$ 2.09 |
| DILUTED EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE | \$ 0.96 | \$ 1.08 | \$ 1.89 | \$ 2.04 |

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Stock options of 3,246,115 were antidilutive and therefore excluded in the computation of diluted earnings per share for the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2009. No stock options were excluded in the computation for the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2008.

7. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

Changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for the six months ended June 30, 2009 were as follows:

| <i>(Millions of dollars)</i> | North America | South America | Europe | Asia | Surface Technologies | Total |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------|-------|-------------------------|----------|
| Balance, December 31, 2008 | \$ 1,272 | \$ 165 | \$ 357 | \$ 30 | \$ 85 | \$ 1,909 |
| Acquisitions | 2 | | | | | 2 |
| Purchase adjustments & other | (3) | | 4 | | (5) | (4) |
| Foreign currency translation | 10 | 38 | (3) | | 1 | 46 |
| Balance, June 30, 2009 | \$ 1,281 | \$ 203 | \$ 358 | \$ 30 | \$ 81 | \$ 1,953 |

SFAS No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, requires the company to perform an assessment at least annually as to whether there is an indication that the carrying value of goodwill is impaired at the reporting unit level. The annual impairment tests for 2009 and 2008 were performed during the second quarter of each year and no impairments were indicated.

Changes in the carrying amounts of other intangibles for the six months ended June 30, 2009 were as follows:

| <i>(Millions of dollars)</i> | Customer & License/Use Agreements | Non-compete Agreements | Patents & Other | Total |
|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------|--------------------|---------|
| Cost: | | | | |
| Balance, December 31, 2008 | \$ 141 | \$ 37 | \$ 10 | \$ 188 |
| Additions | 5 | 1 | | 6 |
| Foreign currency translation | 1 | | | 1 |
| Other | (2) | (5) | | (7) |
| Balance, June 30, 2009 | \$ 145 | \$ 33 | \$ 10 | \$ 188 |
| Less: Accumulated amortization | | | | |
| Balance, December 31, 2008 | \$ (40) | \$ (21) | \$ (6) | \$ (67) |
| Amortization expense | (7) | (2) | | (9) |
| Other | 2 | 5 | | 7 |
| Balance, June 30, 2009 | \$ (45) | \$ (18) | \$ (6) | \$ (69) |
| Net balance at June 30, 2009 | \$ 100 | \$ 15 | \$ 4 | \$ 119 |

There are no expected residual values related to these intangible assets. The remaining weighted-average amortization period for intangible assets is approximately 10 years. Total estimated annual amortization expense is \$10 million for the remainder of 2009; \$17 million, \$15 million, \$14 million and \$12 million for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013, respectively; and \$51 million thereafter.

Table of Contents**8. Share-Based Compensation**

The company accounts for share-based compensation under the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 123 (revised 2004), Share-Based Payment (SFAS No. 123R). Share-based compensation of \$10 million (\$7 million after tax) and \$11 million (\$8 million after tax) was recognized during the quarters ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. Share-based compensation of \$19 million (\$13 million after tax) and \$22 million (\$16 million after tax) was recognized for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The expense was primarily recorded in selling, general and administrative expenses. There was no share-based compensation cost that was capitalized. For further details regarding Praxair's share-based compensation arrangements and prior year grants, refer to Note 16 to the consolidated financial statements of Praxair's 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Beginning in 2009, the company changed the composition of its long-term incentives awarded to employees. The company increased the amount of restricted and performance-based stock and decreased the amount of stock options granted to employees.

Stock Options

The weighted-average fair value of options granted during the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 was \$8.05 and \$11.53, respectively, based on the Black-Scholes Options-Pricing model. The following weighted-average assumptions were used for grants in 2009 and 2008:

| | Six Months Ended June 30, | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| Dividend yield | 2.6% | 1.8% |
| Volatility | 18.7% | 13.9% |
| Risk-free interest rate | 1.9% | 3.0% |
| Expected term in years | 5 | 5 |

The following table summarizes option activity under the plans as of June 30, 2009 and changes during the six-month period then ended (averages are calculated on a weighted basis; life in years; intrinsic value expressed in millions):

| Activity | Number of Options (000 s) | Average Exercise Price | Average Remaining Life | Aggregate Intrinsic Value |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Outstanding at January 1, 2009 | 18,927 | \$ 50.68 | | |
| Granted | 2,194 | 60.92 | | |
| Exercised | (833) | 34.35 | | |
| Cancelled or expired | (98) | 68.77 | | |
| Outstanding at June 30, 2009 | 20,190 | 52.37 | 6.3 | \$ 378 |
| Exercisable at June 30, 2009 | 14,514 | \$ 45.41 | 5.3 | \$ 372 |

The aggregate intrinsic value represents the difference between the company's closing stock price of \$71.07 as of June 30, 2009 and the exercise price multiplied by the number of options outstanding as of that date. The total intrinsic value of stock options exercised during the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2009 was \$16 million and \$30 million, respectively (\$141 million and \$174 million for the same time periods in 2008, respectively).

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Cash received from option exercises under all share-based payment arrangements for the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2009 was \$17 million and \$28 million, respectively (\$84 million and \$106 million for the same time periods in 2008, respectively). The cash tax benefit realized from stock option exercises totaled \$4 million and \$8 million for the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2009, of which \$6 million in excess tax benefits was classified as financing cash flows (\$43 million and \$50 million for the same time periods in 2008, respectively).

As of June 30, 2009, \$38 million of unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested stock options is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of approximately 1.5 years.

Performance- Based and Restricted Stock Awards

During February 2009, the company granted 69,900 restricted stock units and 412,240 performance-based stock units to employees, which vest at the end of a three-year service period. For the performance-based stock units the actual number of shares issued can range from zero to 150 percent of the units granted based on the actual performance levels achieved.

Compensation expense related to the restricted stock and performance-based stock units is recognized on a straight-line basis over the three-year vesting period. Compensation expense related to performance-based stock units will be adjusted during the performance period based upon the estimated performance levels that will be achieved. The fair value of restricted stock and performance-based stock units granted in February 2009 was \$56.31. This is based on the closing market price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant adjusted for dividends that will not be paid during the vesting period.

The following table summarizes non-vested performance-based and restricted stock award activity as of June 30, 2009 and changes during the period then ended (shares based on target amounts, averages are calculated on a weighted basis):

| | Performance-Based | | Restricted Stock | |
|--|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|
| | Number of Shares (000 s) | Average Grant Date Fair Value | Number of Shares (000 s) | Average Grant Date Fair Value |
| Performance-Based and Restricted Stock Activity | | | | |
| Non-vested at January 1, 2009 | 115 | \$ 70.07 | 23 | \$ 28.17 |
| Granted | 412 | 56.31 | 70 | 56.31 |
| Cancelled | (6) | 72.29 | | |
| Non-vested at June 30, 2009 | 521 | \$ 59.14 | 93 | \$ 49.34 |

As of June 30, 2009, based on current estimates of future performance, \$20 million of unrecognized compensation cost related to performance-based awards is expected to be recognized through the first quarter of 2012 and \$3 million of unrecognized compensation cost related to the restricted stock awards is expected to be recognized on a straight-line basis through the first quarter of 2012.

Table of Contents**9. Retirement Programs**

The components of net pension and postretirement benefits other than pensions (OPEB) costs for the quarters and six-month periods ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 are shown below:

| <i>(Millions of dollars)</i> | Quarter Ended June 30, | | | | Six Months Ended June 30, | | | |
|--|------------------------|-------|------|------|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Pensions | | OPEB | | Pensions | | OPEB | |
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 |
| Service cost | \$ 9 | \$ 11 | \$ 1 | \$ 1 | \$ 18 | \$ 22 | \$ 2 | \$ 2 |
| Interest cost | 29 | 30 | 4 | 4 | 57 | 59 | 8 | 8 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (32) | (34) | | | (63) | (68) | | |
| Net amortization and deferral | 4 | 5 | | | 8 | 10 | | |
| Net periodic benefit cost before pension settlement charge | 10 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 20 | 23 | 10 | 10 |
| Pension settlement charge | | | | | | 17 | | |
| Net periodic benefit cost | \$ 10 | \$ 12 | \$ 5 | \$ 5 | \$ 20 | \$ 40 | \$ 10 | \$ 10 |

Praxair estimates that 2009 contributions to its pension plans will be in the range of \$135 million to \$145 million, of which \$9 million have been made through June 30, 2009. On July 28, 2009, Praxair made cash contributions totaling \$113 million to its U.S. pension plans.

A pension settlement charge of \$17 million (\$11 million after-tax) was recorded in the first quarter of 2008 for net unrecognized actuarial losses related to lump sum benefit payments made from the U.S. supplemental pension plan to a number of recently retired senior managers, including Praxair's former chairman and chief executive officer.

10. Commitments and Contingencies

Praxair is subject to various lawsuits and government investigations that arise from time to time in the ordinary course of business. These actions are based upon alleged environmental, tax, antitrust and personal injury claims, among others. Praxair has strong defenses in these cases and intends to defend itself vigorously. It is possible that the company may incur losses in connection with some of these actions in excess of accrued liabilities. Management does not anticipate that in the aggregate such losses would have a material adverse effect on the company's consolidated financial position or liquidity; however, it is possible that the final outcomes could have a significant impact on the company's reported results of operations in any given period (see Note 18 of the 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K).

Among such matters are:

Claims brought by welders alleging that exposure to manganese contained in welding fumes caused neurological injury. Praxair has never manufactured welding consumables. Such products were manufactured prior to 1985 by a predecessor company of Praxair. As of June 30, 2009, Praxair was a co-defendant with many other companies in lawsuits alleging personal injury caused by manganese contained in welding fumes. There were a total of 1,775 individual claimants in these cases. The cases were pending in several state and federal courts. The federal cases have been transferred to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio for coordinated pretrial proceedings. The plaintiffs seek unspecified compensatory and, in most instances, punitive damages. In the past, Praxair has either been dismissed from the cases with no payment or has settled a few cases for nominal amounts. These claims raise numerous, individual issues that make them generally unsuited for class action status. Separately, various class actions for medical monitoring have been proposed but none have been certified. No reserves have been recorded for these cases as management does not believe that a loss from them is probable or reasonably estimable.

An investigation by Spanish prosecutors relating to income tax credits generated by certain of the company's Spanish subsidiaries prior to 2002 totaling approximately \$168 million. These tax positions relate to statutory interpretation matters and are under criminal investigation, although some have previously been the subject of civil tax proceedings. In accordance with the requirements

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of FIN 48, Praxair had previously recorded a full liability, including interest, for these tax positions and management does not believe penalties are likely or reasonably estimable at this time. The company believes it has strong defenses and is vigorously defending against the proceeding.

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Claims brought by the Brazilian taxing authorities against several of the company's Brazilian subsidiaries primarily relating to various social and value-added (VAT) taxes. Most of the social tax cases originated from 1988 to 1999 which was a period of hyperinflation in Brazil. During this period, the company, along with other taxpayers, challenged the legality of various Brazilian tax law changes that were designed to increase tax revenues by various means, including modifying the basis upon which a tax was levied, increasing the tax rates, and shortening payment due dates. These cases are primarily associated with disagreements on the amount of taxes assessed and the appropriate index that should be used to inflation-adjust amounts that were over or under paid during this period. The VAT tax matters are associated with issues such as documentation, establishment and process, among others. The total estimated potential liability for such claims, including interest and penalties, as appropriate, is approximately \$468 million. In accordance with SFAS 5 and FIN 48, Praxair has recorded liabilities totaling \$261 million related to such claims based on management judgments, after considering judgments and opinions of outside counsel. Because litigation in Brazil historically takes many years to resolve, it is difficult to estimate the timing of resolution of these matters, however, it is possible that certain of these matters could be resolved within the next few years. The company is vigorously defending against the proceedings. On May 28, 2009, the Brazilian government published Law 11941/09 instituting a new voluntary amnesty program which allows Brazilian companies to settle certain Federal tax disputes by November 30, 2009 at reduced amounts. Under the program it may also be possible to utilize net operating loss carryforwards to settle a portion of the tax disputes. Praxair is currently evaluating this program including any impact on its existing valuation allowances on deferred tax assets. The company will record the impact, if any, when decisions are made.

11. Segments

Sales and operating profit by segment for the quarters and six-month periods ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 are shown below. For a description of Praxair's operating segments, refer to Note 19 to the consolidated financial statements of Praxair's financial statements of Praxair's 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

| (Millions of dollars) | Quarter Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | June 30, 2009 | June 30, 2008 | June 30, 2009 | June 30, 2008 |
| SALES^(a) | | | | |
| North America | \$ 1,120 | \$ 1,573 | \$ 2,284 | \$ 3,027 |
| Europe ^(b) | 306 | 406 | 609 | 796 |
| South America | 395 | 514 | 748 | 980 |
| Asia | 199 | 232 | 379 | 443 |
| Surface Technologies | 118 | 153 | 241 | 295 |
| | \$ 2,138 | \$ 2,878 | \$ 4,261 | \$ 5,541 |
| OPERATING PROFIT | | | | |
| North America | \$ 264 | \$ 275 | \$ 520 | \$ 537 |
| Europe | 61 | 99 | 124 | 186 |
| South America | 70 | 102 | 145 | 191 |
| Asia | 33 | 40 | 59 | 77 |
| Surface Technologies | 19 | 27 | 41 | 51 |
| Segment operating profit | 447 | 543 | 889 | 1,042 |
| Pension settlement charge (Note 9) | | | | (17) |
| Total operating profit | \$ 447 | \$ 543 | \$ 889 | \$ 1,025 |

(a) Intersegment sales, primarily from North America to other segments, were not significant for the quarters and six-month periods ended June 30, 2009 and 2008.

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- (b) On April 1, 2008, Praxair completed the sale of its majority interest in Maxima Air Separation Center Ltd. with operations in Israel, which contributed approximately \$9 million to sales for the six months ended June 30, 2008.

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12. Noncontrolling interests

During the 2009 second quarter, Praxair increased its ownership in a consolidated U.S. packaged gas subsidiary. In accordance with SFAS No. 160, the difference between the purchase price and the related noncontrolling interests of \$8 million was recorded as a decrease in Praxair's additional paid-in capital. Refer to the consolidated statement of equity under the caption "purchases of noncontrolling interests" for a summary of the impact on Praxair, Inc.'s shareholders' equity from this transaction.

13. Subsequent Events

On July 1, 2009, Praxair acquired Sermatech International Holdings Corp. (Sermatech), a global supplier of protective coatings and advanced processes used on industrial and aviation gas turbines with operations in the U.S., Canada, United Kingdom, Germany and South Korea. The business had sales of \$116 million in 2008. Sermatech's results of operations will be included in Praxair's consolidated financial statements within the Surface Technologies segment effective July 1, 2009.

Table of Contents**Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations
Consolidated Results**

The following table provides summary data for the quarters and six-month periods ended June 30, 2009 and 2008:

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | Quarter Ended June 30, | | | Six Months Ended June 30, | | |
|--|------------------------|----------|----------|---------------------------|----------|----------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | Variance | 2009 | 2008 | Variance |
| Sales | \$ 2,138 | \$ 2,878 | (26)% | \$ 4,261 | \$ 5,541 | (23)% |
| Gross margin ^(a) | \$ 948 | \$ 1,130 | (16)% | \$ 1,876 | \$ 2,198 | (15)% |
| As a percent of sales | 44.3% | 39.3% | | 44.0% | 39.7% | |
| Selling, general and administrative | \$ 265 | \$ 341 | (22)% | \$ 530 | \$ 676 | (22)% |
| As a percent of sales | 12.4% | 11.8% | | 12.4% | 12.2% | |
| Depreciation and amortization | \$ 207 | \$ 216 | (4)% | \$ 406 | \$ 426 | (5)% |
| Pension settlement charge ^(b) | \$ | \$ | | \$ | \$ 17 | |
| Other income (expense) - net | \$ (11) | \$ (6) | | \$ (15) | \$ (6) | |
| Operating profit | \$ 447 | \$ 543 | (18)% | \$ 889 | \$ 1,025 | (13)% |
| As a percent of sales | 20.9% | 18.9% | | 20.9% | 18.5% | |
| Interest expense - net | \$ 33 | \$ 52 | (37)% | \$ 68 | \$ 99 | (31)% |
| Effective tax rate | 26.3% | 27.9% | | 27.2% | 28.0% | |
| Net income - Praxair, Inc. | \$ 299 | \$ 349 | (14)% | \$ 589 | \$ 656 | (10)% |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ 0.96 | \$ 1.08 | (11)% | \$ 1.89 | \$ 2.04 | (7)% |
| Diluted shares outstanding | 312,429 | 322,088 | (3)% | 312,021 | 321,245 | (3)% |

(a) Gross margin excludes depreciation and amortization expense.

(b) See Note 9 to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

| | Quarter Ended June 30, | Six Months Ended June 30, |
|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| | 2009 vs. 2008 | 2009 vs. 2008 |
| | % Change | % Change |
| Sales | | |
| Volume | (14)% | (13)% |
| Price/Mix/Other | 2% | 3% |
| Cost pass-through | (5)% | (4)% |
| Currency | (9)% | (9)% |
| Total sales change | (26)% | (23)% |

Sales decreased \$740 million, or 26%, for the second quarter and decreased \$1,280 million, or 23%, for the six months ended June 30, 2009 versus the respective 2008 periods. The underlying decline in sales of 12% and 10% for the quarter and year-to-date periods, respectively, reflects significantly lower volumes in most geographies due to lower demand consistent with the global economic slowdown. The unfavorable impact of currency, primarily in South America, Europe, Mexico and Canada decreased sales by 9% for both the quarter and year-to-date periods. Lower cost pass-through decreased sales by \$144 million, or 5% for the quarter and \$203 million, or 4% for the year-to-date period, with a negligible impact on operating profit.

Gross margin in 2009 decreased \$182 million, or 16%, for the second quarter and decreased \$322 million, or 15%, for the six months ended June 30, 2009 versus the respective 2008 periods. The increase in the gross margin percentage for the quarter and year-to-date periods to 44.3% and 44.0%, respectively, was due to higher pricing, cost reductions and the impact from lower cost pass-through.

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Selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses decreased \$76 million, or 22%, for the second quarter period and decreased \$146 million, or 22%, for the six months ended June 30, 2009 versus the respective 2008 periods. The decrease in SG&A expenses was due to cost savings resulting from the cost reduction program initiated in 2008, ongoing productivity programs and currency impacts. SG&A expenses as a percentage of sales increased slightly in both the quarter and year-to-date periods due to the decrease in sales from lower cost pass-through.

Depreciation and amortization expense decreased \$9 million, or 4%, for the second quarter and decreased \$20 million, or 5%, for the six months ended June 30, 2009 versus the respective 2008 periods. The decrease was due to currency effects partially offset by the increased depreciation associated with project start-ups.

Other income (expense) net was an \$11-million expense and \$15-million expense for the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2009, respectively. The 2009 quarter and six-month periods included \$16 million and \$15 million of currency related net losses, respectively, primarily related to net income hedges (see Note 5 to the condensed consolidated financial statements).

Operating profit decreased \$96 million, or 18%, for the second quarter and decreased \$136 million, or 13%, for the six months ended June 30, 2009 versus the respective 2008 periods. Excluding the \$17 million pension settlement charge in the six month period of 2008, operating profit decreased \$ 153 million, or 15%. This decrease was driven by the negative impact of currency and lower sales volumes partially offset by cost savings. Operating profit as a percentage of sales improved to 20.9% in both the quarter and year-to-date periods as a result of significant cost reductions and pricing.

Interest expense net decreased \$19 million, or 37% for the second quarter and decreased \$31 million, or 31% for the six months ended June 30, 2009 versus the respective periods in 2008 due to lower interest rates on commercial paper and international bank borrowings.

The effective tax rate was 26.3% for the second quarter and 27.2% for the six month period versus 27.9% and 28.0%, respectively, for the same periods in 2008. The 2009 periods include a \$7 million tax benefit primarily related to tax incentives in Italy. Excluding this tax benefit, the underlying effective tax rate for the quarter and six month periods was 28% in 2009.

Net income Praxair, Inc. decreased \$50 million, or 14%, for the second quarter and decreased \$67 million, or 10%, for the six months ended June 30, 2009 versus the respective 2008 periods. The 2008 six month period included the pension settlement charge of \$11 million after tax. Excluding the impact of this charge in the six month period, net income Praxair, Inc. decreased \$ 78 million, or 12%. The decrease in both periods was due to lower operating profit partially offset by lower interest expense.

Diluted earnings per share (EPS) decreased \$0.12 per diluted share, or 11% for the second quarter and decreased \$0.15 per diluted share, or 7% for the six months ended June 30, 2009 versus the respective 2008 periods. Excluding the impact of the pension settlement charge of \$0.03 per diluted share in the 2008 six-month period, EPS decreased 9% versus 2008. The underlying decrease in EPS is in line with the decrease in net income Praxair, Inc. partially offset by the impact of the company's net repurchases of common stock during 2008.

The number of employees at June 30, 2009 was 26,139, reflecting a decrease of 797 employees from December 31, 2008 primarily related to the 2008 cost reduction program.

Table of Contents**Segment Discussion**

The following summary of sales and operating profit by segment provides a basis for the discussion that follows:

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | Quarter ended June 30, | | | Six Months Ended June 30, | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|----------|----------|---------------------------|----------|----------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | Variance | 2009 | 2008 | Variance |
| SALES | | | | | | |
| North America | \$ 1,120 | \$ 1,573 | (29)% | \$ 2,284 | \$ 3,027 | (25)% |
| Europe | 306 | 406 | (25)% | 609 | 796 | (23)% |
| South America | 395 | 514 | (23)% | 748 | 980 | (24)% |
| Asia | 199 | 232 | (14)% | 379 | 443 | (14)% |
| Surface Technologies | 118 | 153 | (23)% | 241 | 295 | (18)% |
| | \$ 2,138 | \$ 2,878 | (26)% | \$ 4,261 | \$ 5,541 | (23)% |
| OPERATING PROFIT | | | | | | |
| North America | \$ 264 | \$ 275 | (4)% | \$ 520 | \$ 537 | (3)% |
| Europe | 61 | 99 | (38)% | 124 | 186 | (33)% |
| South America | 70 | 102 | (31)% | 145 | 191 | (24)% |
| Asia | 33 | 40 | (18)% | 59 | 77 | (23)% |
| Surface Technologies | 19 | 27 | (30)% | 41 | 51 | (20)% |
| Segment operating profit | 447 | 543 | (18)% | 889 | 1,042 | (15)% |
| Pension settlement charge (a) | | | | | (17) | |
| Total operating profit | \$ 447 | \$ 543 | | \$ 889 | \$ 1,025 | |

(a) See Note 9 to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

North America

| | Quarter Ended June 30, 2009 vs. 2008 % Change | Six Months Ended June 30, 2009 vs. 2008 % Change |
|--------------------|---|--|
| Sales | | |
| Volume | (17)% | (15)% |
| Price/Mix/Other | 2 % | 2 % |
| Cost pass-through | (9)% | (7)% |
| Currency | (5)% | (5)% |
| Total sales change | (29)% | (25)% |

Sales decreased \$453 million, or 29%, for the second quarter and decreased \$743 million, or 25%, for the six months ended June 30, 2009 versus the respective 2008 periods. The underlying decline in sales of 15% and 13% in the quarter and year-to-date periods, respectively, is due to lower volumes partially offset by higher pricing. Higher sales to the energy markets were offset by sharply lower volumes to the chemicals, metals, electronics and manufacturing end-markets. Currency depreciation, primarily in Canada and Mexico, reduced sales by 5% in both the quarter and year-to-date periods. Lower cost pass-through decreased sales by \$145 million, or 9%, for the quarter and \$209 million, or 7% for the year-to-date period with a minimal impact on operating profit.

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Operating profit decreased \$11 million, or 4%, for the second quarter and decreased \$17 million, or 3%, for the six months ended June 30, 2009 versus the respective 2008 periods. Excluding the negative impact of currency, underlying operating profit grew as cost savings from the cost reduction program and ongoing productivity initiatives more than offset the impact of sharply lower volumes.

Europe

| | Quarter ended June 30, 2009 vs. 2008 % Change | Six Months Ended June 30, 2009 vs. 2008 % Change |
|--------------------|--|---|
| Sales | | |
| Volume | (14)% | (13)% |
| Price/Mix/Other | 3 % | 3 % |
| Cost pass-through | % | (1)% |
| Currency | (14)% | (12)% |
| Total sales change | (25)% | (23)% |

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Sales decreased \$100 million, or 25%, for the second quarter and decreased \$187 million, or 23%, for the six months ended June 30, 2009 versus the respective 2008 periods. Unfavorable currency reduced sales by 14% and 12% in the quarter and year-to-date periods, respectively. The underlying decline in sales of 11% and 10% for the quarter and year-to-date periods, respectively, was due primarily to sharply lower volumes in the chemicals, metals and electronics end-markets. Cost pass-through to customers was minimal for the 2009 second quarter and decreased sales by \$5 million, or 1% for the year-to-date period, with a minimal impact on operating profit.

Operating profit decreased \$38 million, or 38%, for the second quarter and decreased \$62 million, or 33%, for the six months ended June 30, 2009 versus the respective 2008 periods. Operating profit for the 2009 quarter and six-month periods included net income hedge losses of \$4 million and \$2 million, respectively (see Note 5 to the condensed consolidated financial statements). The underlying decrease in operating profit was due to sharply lower volumes and currency depreciation, partially offset by cost reductions.

South America

| | Quarter ended June 30, 2009 vs. 2008 % Change | Six Months Ended June 30, 2009 vs. 2008 % Change |
|------------------------|--|---|
| Sales | | |
| Volume | (10)% | (9)% |
| Price/Mix/Other | 5 % | 6 % |
| Cost pass-through | 1 % | 1 % |
| Currency | (19)% | (22)% |
| Total sales change | (23)% | (24)% |

Sales decreased \$119 million, or 23%, for the second quarter and decreased \$232 million, or 24%, for the six months ended June 30, 2009 versus the respective 2008 periods. Excluding the impact of currency and cost pass-through, sales decreased 5% for the quarter and 3% for the year-to-date period. The decrease was primarily due to lower volumes to metals and manufacturing customers, partially offset by higher sales to the food and beverage and healthcare end-markets. Cost pass-through to customers increased sales by \$3 million, or 1% for the quarter and \$6 million, or 1% for the year-to-date period, with a minimal impact on operating profit.

Operating profit decreased \$32 million, or 31%, for the second quarter and decreased \$46 million, or 24%, for the six months ended June 30, 2009 versus the respective 2008 periods. Operating profit for the 2009 quarter and six-month periods included currency related net losses of \$11 million and \$12 million, respectively, which primarily consisted of net income hedge losses (see Note 5 to the condensed consolidated financial statements). Excluding the negative impact of currency and net income hedge losses, underlying operating profit grew as cost savings from productivity initiatives and cost reduction programs and higher pricing more than offset lower volumes.

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| | Quarter ended June 30, 2009 vs. 2008 % Change | Six Months Ended June 30, 2009 vs. 2008 % Change |
|--------------------|--|---|
| Sales | | |
| Volume | (3)% | (5)% |
| Price/Mix/Other | (2)% | (1)% |
| Cost pass-through | % | 1 % |
| Currency | (9)% | (9)% |
| Total sales change | (14)% | (14)% |

Sales decreased \$33 million, or 14%, for the second quarter and decreased \$64 million, or 14%, for the six months ended June 30, 2009 versus the respective 2008 periods. Unfavorable currency decreased sales by 9% for both the quarter and year-to-date periods. Underlying sales decreased 5% and 6% for the quarter and year-to-date periods, respectively, due primarily to lower sales to the electronics, metals and manufacturing end-markets. Cost pass-through to customers was minimal for the 2009 second quarter, and increased sales by \$5 million, or 1% for the year-to-date period, with a minimal impact on operating profit.

Operating profit decreased \$7 million, or 18%, for the second quarter and decreased \$18 million, or 23%, for the six months ended June 30, 2009 versus the respective 2008 periods, primarily as the result of lower sales volumes and currency depreciation.

Surface Technologies

| | Quarter ended June 30, 2009 vs. 2008 % Change | Six Months Ended June 30, 2009 vs. 2008 % Change |
|--------------------|--|---|
| Sales | | |
| Volume/Price/Other | (14)% | (10)% |
| Currency | (9)% | (8)% |
| Total sales change | (23)% | (18)% |

Sales decreased \$35 million, or 23%, for the second quarter and decreased \$54 million, or 18%, for the six months ended June 30, 2009 versus the respective 2008 periods. Excluding the impact of negative currency translation, underlying sales decreased 14% and 10% for the quarter and year-to-date periods, respectively. Growth from higher coatings for industrial gas turbines was more than offset by lower coatings for the aerospace and general manufacturing end markets.

Operating profit decreased \$8 million, or 30%, for the second quarter and decreased \$10 million, or 20%, for the six months ended June 30, 2009 versus the respective 2008 periods. The decrease was principally driven by lower volumes and the negative impact of currency partially offset by productivity and cost reduction initiatives.

On July 1, 2009, Praxair acquired Sermatech International Holdings Corp. (Sermatech), a global supplier of protective coatings and advanced processes used on industrial and aviation gas turbines with operations in the U.S., Canada, United Kingdom, Germany and South Korea. The business had sales of \$116 million in 2008. Sermatech's results of operations will be included in Praxair's consolidated financial statements within the Surface Technologies segment effective July 1, 2009.

Table of ContentsCurrency

The results of Praxair's non-U.S. operations are translated to the company's reporting currency, the U.S. dollar, from the functional currencies used in the countries in which the company operates. For most foreign operations, Praxair uses the local currency as its functional currency. There is inherent variability and unpredictability in the relationship of these functional currencies to the U.S. dollar and such currency movements may materially impact Praxair's results of operations in any given period.

To help understand the reported results, the following is a summary of the significant currencies underlying Praxair's consolidated results and the exchange rates used to translate the financial statements (rates of exchange expressed in units of local currency per U.S. dollar):

| Currency | Percent of YTD 2009 Consolidated Sales ^(a) | Exchange Rate for Income Statement | | Exchange Rate for Balance Sheet | |
|-------------------|--|---------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| | | Year-To-Date Average | | June 30, | December 31, |
| | | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 |
| Euro | 17% | 0.75 | 0.66 | 0.71 | 0.71 |
| Brazil real | 15% | 2.19 | 1.70 | 1.95 | 2.34 |
| Canada dollar | 8% | 1.21 | 1.00 | 1.15 | 1.22 |
| Mexico peso | 6% | 14.01 | 10.65 | 13.18 | 13.53 |
| China RMB | 3% | 6.83 | 7.10 | 6.83 | 6.84 |
| India rupee | 2% | 49.35 | 40.23 | 48.45 | 48.50 |
| Korea won | 2% | 1,355 | 973 | 1,286 | 1,259 |
| Argentina peso | 1% | 3.64 | 3.14 | 3.80 | 3.45 |
| Colombia peso | 1% | 2,321 | 1,834 | 2,145 | 2,243 |
| Singapore dollar | 1% | 1.49 | 1.39 | 1.45 | 1.44 |
| Taiwan dollar | 1% | 33.55 | 31.15 | 32.94 | 33.01 |
| Thailand bhat | 1% | 35.15 | 31.06 | 34.07 | 35.00 |
| Venezuela bolivar | 1% | 2.15 | 2.15 | 2.15 | 2.15 |

(a) Certain Surface technologies segment sales are included in European, Brazilian and Indian sales.

Table of Contents**Liquidity, Capital Resources and Other Financial Data**

The following selected cash flow information provides a basis for the discussion that follows:

| <i>(Millions of dollars)</i> | Six Months Ended June 30, | |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR): | | |
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Net income - Praxair, Inc. | \$ 589 | \$ 656 |
| Noncontrolling interests | 20 | 28 |
| Net income (including noncontrolling interests) | 609 | 684 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 406 | 426 |
| 2008 Cost reduction program, payments | (28) | |
| Accounts receivable | 47 | (269) |
| Inventory | 19 | (33) |
| Payables and accruals | (246) | 95 |
| Pension contributions | (9) | (13) |
| Other - net | 114 | (122) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$ 912 | \$ 768 |
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Capital expenditures | (663) | (724) |
| Acquisitions | (11) | (70) |
| Divestitures and asset sales | 13 | 46 |
| Net cash used for investing activities | \$ (661) | \$ (748) |
| FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Debt increases (reductions) - net | 57 | 356 |
| Issuances of common stock | 37 | 154 |
| Purchases of common stock | (85) | (332) |
| Cash dividends - Praxair, Inc. shareholders | (246) | (236) |
| Excess tax benefit on stock option exercises | 6 | 44 |
| Noncontrolling interest transactions and other | (22) | |
| Net cash used for financing activities | \$ (253) | \$ (14) |

Cash Flow from Operations

Cash provided by operations of \$ 912 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009 increased \$ 144 million versus 2008. The increase was primarily due to lower tax payments in the current quarter partially offset by lower net income Praxair, Inc. and cash payments related to the 2008 cost reduction program. The net working capital impact was not significant.

Praxair estimates that 2009 contributions to its pension plans will be in the range of \$135 million to \$145 million. On July 28, 2009, Praxair made cash contributions totaling \$113 million to its U.S. pension plans.

Table of Contents**Investing**

Net cash used for investing of \$661 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009 decreased \$ 87 million versus 2008 levels primarily due to decreased capital expenditures and acquisition spending. Capital expenditures of \$663 million relate largely to new production plants under contract for customers in North and South America, China and India.

Financing

The current United States credit environment has not had, and at this time is not expected to have, a significant adverse impact on the company's liquidity. The company continues to have access to the commercial paper and long-term debt markets, and expects to continue to generate strong operating cash flows. While the impact of continued volatility in the global credit markets cannot be predicted with certainty, the company believes that it has sufficient operating flexibility, cash reserves, and funding sources to maintain adequate amounts of liquidity to meet its business needs around the world.

Actual returns for the company's U.S pension plans may vary from the expected long-term rate of return of 8.25 percent due to the current adverse conditions in the global securities markets. Actual returns below this expected rate may impact the amount and timing of future contributions to these plans. The actual amounts will depend on actual returns and discount rates.

Cash used for financing activities was \$253 million in 2009 versus \$14 million in 2008. This increase was primarily due to lower debt issuances in 2009 partially offset by lower net stock repurchases. Cash dividends of \$246 million increased \$10 million from the year ago period to \$0.80 per share (\$0.75 per share for 2008).

At June 30, 2009, Praxair's total debt outstanding was \$5,107 million, an increase of \$82 million from December 31, 2008. On March 26, 2009, Praxair issued \$300 million of 4.375% notes due 2014. On May 26, 2009, Praxair issued \$500 million of floating rate notes due 2010 that bear interest at a rate of three-month LIBOR plus 0.09% (0.75% at June 30, 2009). The proceeds of both issuances were used to repay short-term debt and for general corporate purposes.

Legal Proceedings

See Note 10 to the condensed consolidated financial statements for a description of current legal proceedings.

Other Financial Data

The following non-GAAP measures are intended to supplement investors' understanding of the company's financial information by providing measures which investors, financial analysts and management use to help evaluate the company's financing leverage, return on net assets employed and operating performance. Special items which the company does not believe to be indicative of on-going business trends are excluded from these calculations so that investors can better evaluate and analyze historical and future business trends on a consistent basis. Definitions of these non-GAAP measures may not be comparable to similar definitions used by other companies and are not a substitute for similar GAAP measures.

Debt-to-Capital Ratio

The debt-to-capital ratio is a measure used by investors, financial analysts and management to provide a measure of financial leverage and insights into how the company is financing its operations.

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | June 30, 2009 | December 31, 2008 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| <u>TOTAL CAPITAL</u> | | |
| Total debt | \$ 5,107 | \$ 5,025 |
| Equity | | |
| Praxair, Inc. shareholders' equity | 4,638 | 4,009 |
| Noncontrolling interests | 308 | 302 |

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| | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------|
| Total equity | 4,946 | 4,311 |
| | \$ 10,053 | \$ 9,336 |
| DEBT-TO-CAPITAL RATIO | 50.8% | 53.8% |

Table of Contents*After-tax Return on Capital (ROC)*

After-tax return on capital is a measure used by investors, financial analysts and management to evaluate the return on net assets employed in the business. ROC measures the after-tax operating profit that the company was able to generate with the investments made by all parties in the business (debt, noncontrolling interests and Praxair, Inc. shareholders' equity).

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | Quarter Ended June 30, | |
|---|---------------------------|---------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| Reported operating profit | \$ 447 | \$ 543 |
| Less: reported taxes | (109) | (137) |
| Less: tax benefit on interest expense (a) | (9) | (15) |
| Add: equity income | 6 | 8 |
| Net operating profit after-tax (NOPAT) | \$ 335 | \$ 399 |
| Beginning capital | \$ 9,420 | \$ 10,127 |
| Ending capital | \$ 10,053 | \$ 10,584 |
| Average capital | \$ 9,737 | \$ 10,356 |
| ROC% | 3.4% | 3.9% |
| ROC% (annualized) | 13.8% | 15.4% |

(a) Tax benefit on interest expense is based on Praxair's underlying effective tax rate of 28% for 2009 and 2008.

Return on Praxair, Inc. Shareholders' Equity (ROE)

Return on Praxair, Inc. shareholders' equity is a measure used by investors, financial analysts and management to evaluate operating performance from a Praxair shareholder perspective. ROE measures the net income attributable to Praxair, Inc. that the company was able to generate with the money shareholders have invested.

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | Quarter Ended June 30, | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| Reported net income - Praxair, Inc. | \$ 299 | \$ 349 |
| Beginning Praxair, Inc. shareholders' equity | \$ 4,073 | \$ 5,209 |
| Ending Praxair, Inc. shareholders' equity | \$ 4,638 | \$ 5,671 |
| Average Praxair, Inc. shareholders' equity | \$ 4,356 | \$ 5,440 |
| ROE% | 6.9% | 6.4% |
| ROE% (annualized) | 27.5% | 25.7% |

Table of Contents**Contractual Obligations Update**

The following table sets forth an update to Praxair's material unconditional purchase obligations as of June 30, 2009:

| <i>(millions of dollars)</i> | Due or expiring by December 31, | | | | | | Total |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|----------|
| | 2009 remaining | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | Thereafter | |
| Unconditional purchase obligations | \$ 351 | \$ 395 | \$ 305 | \$ 277 | \$ 258 | \$ 1,924 | \$ 3,510 |

Unconditional purchase obligations of \$3,510 million represent contractual commitments under various long- and short-term arrangements with suppliers. These obligations are primarily minimum-purchase commitments for electricity, natural gas, helium and feedstock used to produce atmospheric and process gases. The increase in unconditional purchase obligations from December 31, 2008 primarily relates to power purchase commitments. A significant portion of these obligations is passed on to customers through similar take-or-pay contractual arrangements. Purchase obligations that are not passed along to customers do not represent a significant risk to Praxair.

Praxair's other contractual obligations and commercial commitments are not included in the table above because there were no material changes from what was reported on the 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

New Accounting Standards

Refer to Note 1 of the condensed consolidated financial statements for information regarding new accounting standards.

Fair Value Measurements

Praxair does not expect changes in the aggregate fair value of its financial assets and liabilities to have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements. See Note 5 to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

Outlook

For the third quarter of 2009, diluted earnings per share are expected to be in the range of \$0.95 to \$1.00.

For the full year of 2009, Praxair expects sales in the area of \$9 billion. Diluted earnings per share are expected to be in the range of \$3.85 to \$4.05. Full-year capital expenditures are expected to be in the area of \$1.4 billion supporting the current backlog of projects under contract with customers, which will come on stream in 2009 through 2011. Praxair expects an effective tax rate of about 28% for 2009.

Praxair provides quarterly updates on operating results, material trends that may affect financial performance, and financial earnings guidance via quarterly earnings releases and investor teleconferences. These updates are available on the company's website, www.praxair.com, but are not incorporated herein.

Forward-looking Statements

This document contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based on management's reasonable expectations and assumptions as of the date the statements are made but involve risks and uncertainties. These risks and uncertainties include, without limitation: the performance of stock markets generally; developments in worldwide and national economies and other international events and circumstances; changes in foreign currencies and in interest rates; the cost and availability of electric power, natural gas and other raw materials; the ability to achieve price increases to offset cost increases; catastrophic events including natural disasters, epidemics and acts of war and terrorism; the ability to attract, hire, and retain qualified personnel; the impact of changes in financial accounting standards; the impact of tax, environmental, home healthcare and other legislation and government regulation in jurisdictions in which the company operates; the cost and outcomes of investigations, litigation and regulatory proceedings; continued timely

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development and market acceptance of new products and applications; the impact of competitive products and pricing; future financial and operating performance of major customers and industries served; and the effectiveness and speed of integrating new acquisitions into the business. These risks and uncertainties may cause actual future results or circumstances to differ materially from the projections or estimates contained in the forward-looking statements. The company assumes no obligation to update or provide revisions to any forward-looking statement in response to changing circumstances. The above listed risks and uncertainties are further described in Item 1a (Risk Factors) in the company's latest Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC which should be reviewed carefully. Please consider the company's forward-looking statements in light of those risks.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Refer to Item 7A. to Part II of Praxair's 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K for discussion.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

- (a) Based on an evaluation of the effectiveness of Praxair's disclosure controls and procedures, which was made under the supervision and with the participation of management, including Praxair's principal executive officer and principal financial officer, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer have each concluded that, as of the end of the quarterly period covered by this report, such disclosure controls and procedures are effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed by Praxair in reports that it files under the Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms, and accumulated and communicated to management including Praxair's principal executive officer and principal financial officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.
- (b) There were no changes in Praxair's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarterly period covered by this report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, Praxair's internal control over financial reporting.

Table of Contents**PART II - OTHER INFORMATION***Praxair, Inc. and Subsidiaries***Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

See Note 10 to the condensed consolidated financial statements for a description of current legal proceedings.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

There have been no material changes to the risk factors disclosed in Item 1a to Part I of Praxair's 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

Purchases of Equity Securities- Certain information regarding purchases made by or on behalf of the company or any affiliated purchaser (as defined in Rule 10b-18(a)(3) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) of its common stock during the quarter ended June 30, 2009 is provided below:

| Period | Total Number of Shares Purchased (Thousands) | Average Price Paid Per Share | Total Numbers of Shares Purchase as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs (1) (Thousands) | Maximum Number (or approximate dollar value) of Shares that May Yet be Purchased Under the Program(2) (Millions) |
|---------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| April 2009 | | | | \$ 378 |
| May 2009 | 794 | \$ 71.76 | 794 | \$ 321 |
| June 2009 | 400 | 70.49 | 400 | \$ 293 |
| Second Quarter 2009 | 1,194 | \$ 71.33 | 1,194 | \$ 293 |

- (1) On July 23, 2008, the company's board of directors approved the repurchase of an additional \$1 billion of its common stock which could take place from time to time on the open market (which could include the use of 10b5-1 trading plans) or through negotiated transactions, subject to market and business conditions.
- (2) As of June 30, 2009, the Company had purchased \$707 million of its common stock, pursuant to the 2008 program, leaving an additional \$293 million remaining authorized for purchase under the 2008 program. The 2008 program does not have any stated expiration date.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

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Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Praxair, Inc. was held on April 28, 2009. The results of the matters submitted to a vote of security holders were disclosed in Item 4 of the company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2009 and are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 5. Other Information

None.

Item 6. Exhibits

(a) Exhibits:

*10.01 The 2009 Praxair, Inc. Long Term Incentive Plan is filed herewith.

12.01 Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges.

31.01 Rule 13a-14(a) Certification

31.02 Rule 13a-14(a) Certification

32.01 Section 1350 Certification (such certifications are furnished for the information of the Commission and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act).

32.02 Section 1350 Certification (such certifications are furnished for the information of the Commission and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act).

101 The following financial statements from Praxair, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2009, filed on July 29, 2009, formatted in XBRL: (i) Consolidated Statements of Income, (ii) Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, (iii) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, (iv) Consolidated Statements of Equity, (v) the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, tagged as blocks of text.

* Management contract or compensatory plan or agreement

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SIGNATURE

Praxair, Inc. and Subsidiaries

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 thereunto duly authorized.

PRAXAIR, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: July 29, 2009

By: /s/ Matthew J. White
Matthew J. White

Vice President and Controller

(On behalf of the Registrant

and as Chief Accounting Officer)