

FUCHS JAMES J  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
FUCHS JAMES J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PRAXAIR, INC., 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD

(Street)

DANBURY, CT 06810-5113

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/28/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/28/2011		M	62,600 A \$ 53.98	67,086	D	
Common Stock					8,129	I	Joint Tenant with Wife
Common Stock					829.6277	I	401(k)
Common Stock	01/28/2011		S	62,600 D \$ 91.1 (1)	4,486	D	
Common Stock	01/31/2011		M	69,400 A \$ 61.47	73,886	D	

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Common Stock	01/31/2011		S	69,400	D	\$ 92.42 (2)	4,486		D
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 53.98	01/28/2011		M	62,600	02/28/2007 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/28/2016	Common Stock 62,600
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 61.47	01/31/2011		M	69,400	02/27/2008 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/27/2017	Common Stock 69,400
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 83.89					02/26/2009 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/26/2018	Common Stock 40,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 83.89					02/26/2011 <sup>(5)</sup> 02/26/2018	Common Stock 22,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 60.92					02/24/2010 <sup>(6)</sup> 02/24/2019	Common Stock 59,500
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 76.16					02/23/2011 <sup>(7)</sup> 02/23/2020	Common Stock 39,200

