

Menezes Eduardo F  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Menezes Eduardo F		(Month/Day/Year)	PRAXAIR INC [PX]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	09/01/2007	
C/O PRAXAIR, INC., 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
DANBURY, CT 06810-5113			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			Vice President	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	1,093.4154	I	401(k)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Title			

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	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
Stock Option (right to buy)	02/24/2005 <sup>(1)</sup> 02/24/2014	Common Stock 20,000 \$ 36.58	D Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	02/22/2006 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/22/2015	Common Stock 23,000 \$ 44.25	D Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	02/28/2007 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/29/2016	Common Stock 25,000 \$ 53.98	D Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	02/27/2008 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/27/2017	Common Stock 25,000 \$ 61.47	D Â
Deferred Stock	Â <sup>(5)</sup> Â <sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock 37.77 \$ 0 <sup>(6)</sup>	D Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Menezes Eduardo F C/O PRAXAIR, INC. 39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD DANBURY, CT 06810-5113	Â	Â	Â Vice President	Â

## Signatures

Anthony M. Pepper,  
Attorney-in-Fact

09/10/2007

<sup>\*\*</sup>Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) This option became fully exercisable as of 2-24-07.
- (2) This option vests in three (3) consecutive equal annual installments beginning on 2-22-06.
- (3) This option vests in three (3) consecutive equal annual installments beginning on 2-28-07.
- (4) This option vests in three (3) consecutive equal annual installments beginning on 2-27-08.
- (5) Deferred stock units accrued under the 1993 Praxair, Inc. Compensation Deferral Program as amended and are to be settled in Praxair Common Stock.
- (6) Conversion to Praxair Common Stock is on a 1-for-1 basis.

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