

PRAXAIR INC  
Form 8-K  
December 12, 2013

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) December 10, 2013**

**PRAXAIR, INC.**

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

**DELAWARE**

**(State or Other jurisdiction of incorporation)**

**1-11037**  
**(Commission File Number)**

**06-124-9050**  
**(IRS Employer Identification No.)**

**39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD, DANBURY, CT**

**06810-5113**

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**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**(Zip Code)**

**(203)837-2000**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**N/A**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)**

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

(e)

On December 10, 2013, the Compensation and Management Development Committee (the Compensation Committee ) of the Board of Directors of Praxair, Inc. established 2014 performance goals for determining performance-based annual variable compensation cash awards that may be paid to executive officers and other high level executives under the Praxair, Inc. Variable Compensation Plan, as amended (the Plan ). The Plan, as amended and restated effective April 24, 2012, was filed as Exhibit 10.01 to Praxair's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2012. The financial goals are principally sales, net income, and working capital as a percentage of sales, subject to certain adjustments that may be made. The non-financial goals include safety, environmental performance and sustainability, maintenance of a strong global compliance program and culture, productivity, strategic positioning of the business for long term performance, industry-leading project execution performance, consideration of external factors, performance relative to peer companies, and people development.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**PRAXAIR, INC.**

Registrant

Date: December 12, 2013

By: /s/ James T. Breedlove  
James T. Breedlove  
Senior Vice President,

General Counsel and Secretary