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## FORM 4

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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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(=111)				rting	ntification l g Person, voluntary)	Numbe	M	Statement for onth/Day/Year 1/28/03	10% Owner  X Officer (give	Director			
							Executive Vice President						
	(Street)		1				5.	If Amendment,	7. Individual or	. Individual or Joint/Group Filing			
Danbury, CT 06810-5113								ate of Original Month/Day/Year)	X Form filed by Person Form filed by	(Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(Cit	y) (State)	(Zip)	T	able	I Non-E	<b>Derivat</b>	ive Se	curities Acquired, Dis	sposed of, or Bene	ficially Owned			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans- action	2A. Deemed	3. Trans action C (Instr. 8)	ode	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Owner- ship Form:	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial			
	(Month/ Day/ Year)	if any (Month/Day/ Year)	Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)			

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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## **FORM 4 (continued)** Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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(Instr. 3)	Derivative	(Month/	if any		or Disposed	Year)			Owned	of Deriv-	(Ins
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			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exer-cisable	Expira- tion Date		Amount or Number of Shares			or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	
Stock Options (right to buy)	52.85	02/28/03	A		45,000.00		02/28/04		Common Stock	45,000.00	52.85	45,000.00	D	
Deferred Stock <u>(1)</u>	1 for 1	02/28/03	A		1,886.658		(2)		Common Stock	1,886.658	48.186	16,536.197	D	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Deferred stock units accrued under the 1993 Praxair, Inc. Compensation Deferral Program as amended and are to be settled in Praxair Common Stock.

(2) See Note (1) above.

By: /s/ Mark S. Lyon
Attorney-in-fact
\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

March 3, 2003
Date

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