

PRAXAIR INC  
Form 8-K  
May 01, 2007

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**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) April 30, 2007  
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

(Address of principal executive offices)

(203)837-2000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

06810-5113

(Zip Code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Dennis H. Reilley retired as Chairman of the Board and as a director of Praxair, Inc. effective April 30, 2007. In connection with Mr. Reilley's retirement, Stephen F. Angel, President and Chief Executive Officer of Praxair, became Chairman of the Board effective May 1, 2007. Praxair had previously announced on October 6, 2006 that Mr. Reilley had planned to retire, and that the Board of Directors had designated Mr. Angel as Chief Executive Officer, effective January 1, 2007, and elected him as Chairman, effective May 1, 2007.

**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: May 1,  
2007

By: /s/ James T. Breedlove

James T. Breedlove  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
and Secretary