

PRAXAIR INC  
Form 8-K  
January 26, 2011  
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) January 26, 2011

PRAXAIR, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

(State or Other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-11037

06-124-9050

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

39 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD, DANBURY, CT 06810-5113

(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)

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

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**ITEM 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On January 26, 2011, Praxair, Inc. issued a press release setting forth Praxair, Inc.'s results of operations for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2010. A copy of Praxair, Inc.'s press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit (99.1) and is hereby incorporated by reference in this Item 2.02.

**ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is furnished herewith pursuant to Item 2.02 hereof:

**Exhibit No. Description**

99.1 Press Release dated January 26, 2011

**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: January 26, 2011 By: /s/ Elizabeth T. Hirsch  
Elizabeth T. Hirsch  
Vice President and Controller

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Exhibit Index

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated January 26, 2011