

PRAXAIR INC  
Form 8-K/A  
September 23, 2004

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K/A**

**CURRENT REPORT**

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

Date of Report **September 23, 2004**

Date of Earliest Event Reported **August 24, 2004**

**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)

**06810-5113**

(Zip Code)

**(203)837-2000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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N/A

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

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  - o 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(d) Election of Directors**

As reported on Form 8K dated August 24, 2004, Ira D. Hall, president and chief executive officer of Utendahl Capital Management, L. P., was elected to the board of directors of Praxair, Inc. (NYSE: PX), effective September 1, 2004. This Form 8K/A amends the current report on Form 8K dated August 24, 2004 to report that, at a meeting of the board of directors of Praxair, Inc. held on September 20, 2004, Mr. Hall was appointed to Praxair's Governance and Nominating Committee and its Finance and Pension Committee.

**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: September 23, 2004

By: /s/David H. Chaifetz  
David H. Chaifetz  
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary