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	Praxai	, In	c. (PX)		Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)							
Chaifetz, David					Director	(all applicable)						
(Last)	of Reporting Person,					Statement for	10% Owner	_				
						onth/Day/Year	X Officer (give	title below)				
39 Old Ridgebury Road			if an entity (voluntary)				02	/28/03	Other (specify below)			
									Vice President and Secretary	<u>General Counsel</u>		
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1. Title of	2. Trans-		3. Trans- 4. Securities Acquired			5. Amount of	6. Owner-	7. Nature of				
Security			action Code (A) or Disposed of (D			f (D)	Securities	F	Indirect			
(Instr. 3)		Date,	(Instr. 8			-	Beneficially	Direct (D)	Beneficial			
	(Month/ Day/	5	Code	V	Amount	(A)	Price		or Indirect (I)	-		
	Year)	(Month/Day/				or		ing Reported	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)		
		Year)				(D)		Transactions(s)				
						(Instr. 3 & 4)						

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1. Title of	2. Conver-	3. Trans-	3A.	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable	7. Title and Amount	8. Price of	9. Number of	10.	11. ľ
Derivative	sion or	action	Deemed	Trans-	Derivative	and Expiration	of Underlying	Derivative	Derivative	Owner-	of In
Security	Exercise	Date	Execution	action	Securities	Date	Securities	Security	Securities	ship	Bene
	Price of		Date,	Code	Acquired (A)	(Month/Day/	(Instr. 3 & 4)	(Instr. 5)	Beneficially	Form	Own
(Instr. 3)	Derivative	(Month/	if any		or Disposed	Year)			Owned	of Deriv-	(Inst
	Security	Day/	(Month/	(Instr.	of (D)				Following	ative	
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			Year)		(Instr. 3, 4 &				Transaction(s)	Direct	
					5)				(Instr. 4)	(D)	

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			Code V	(A)	· /	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	Α	30,000.0)	02/28/04		Common Stock	30,000.00	52.85	30,000.00	D	
Deferred Stock ⁽¹⁾	1 for 1	02/28/03	Α	1,028.36	5	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	1,028.365	48.186	15,995.167	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/ <u>Mark S. Lyon</u> Attorney-in-fact **Signature of Reporting Person

March 3, 2003 Date

**Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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