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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 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) July 28, 2004

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)

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 9, "Regulation FD Disclosure" and Item 12, "Results of Operations and Financial Condition."

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On July 28, 2004, Praxair, Inc. issued a press release setting forth Praxair, Inc.'s second quarter 2004 earnings. A copy of Praxair, Inc.'s press release is attached hereto as Exhibit (99) and is hereby incorporated by reference.

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: July 28, 2004

By: /s/ Patrick M. Clark

_____ Patrick M. Clark

Vice President and Controller

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Exhibit 99.1

Press release dated July 28, 2004.