

PRAXAIR INC  
Form 8-K  
December 24, 2012

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) December 21, 2012

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 8.01. Other Events.**

On December 21, 2012 Praxair, Inc. issued a press release announcing that is notifying bulk liquid helium customers in Europe, Asia and Latin America of increases in prices up to 30% for bulk liquid helium effective January 1, 2013, or as contracts permit. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is hereby incorporated by reference.

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

(d) Exhibits.

**Exhibit No. Description**

99.1 Press Release dated December 21, 2012.

**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: December 21, 2012 By: /s/ Mark D. Nielsen  
Mark D. Nielsen  
Assistant Secretary

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Exhibit Index

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release dated December 21, 2012