



## PRAXAIR NEWS RELEASE

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### **PRAXAIR RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEE ZERO WASTE EFFORTS WITH PROGRAM TO PLANT 250,000 TREES GLOBALLY**

DANBURY, Conn., July 10, 2013 – In recognition of Praxair, Inc. (NYSE: PX) employee efforts to achieve zero waste around the world, the Praxair Foundation is implementing “Praxair’s Greenway Project,” a new sustainability program that will plant or preserve 250,000 trees globally this year. In collaboration with the Arbor Day Foundation and The Nature Conservancy, two leading environmental organizations dedicated to the protection and conservation of natural resources, the program will help restore fragile ecosystems in Brazil, Mexico, the United States and China.

Praxair employees contribute to sustaining the planet’s resources through the company’s Zero Waste program. Over 6,000 employees around the world at more than 180 sites are participating in Zero Waste and have prevented 73 million pounds of waste from going to landfills.

“Praxair’s Greenway Project is our way of saying thank you to our employees for their ‘Zero Waste’ contribution,” said Riva Krut, vice president and chief sustainability officer. “With the match from the Praxair Foundation, we are living our company’s mission of making our planet more productive by simultaneously reducing our environmental footprint and creating environmental, economic and social benefits. We are delighted to be working with the Arbor Day Foundation and The Nature Conservancy on this important project.”

**About Praxair**

Praxair, Inc. is the largest industrial gases company in North and South America, and one of the largest worldwide, with 2012 sales of \$11 billion. The company produces, sells and distributes atmospheric, process and specialty gases, and high-performance surface coatings. Praxair products, services and technologies are making our planet more productive by bringing efficiency and environmental benefits to a wide variety of industries, including aerospace, chemicals, food and beverage, electronics, energy, healthcare, manufacturing, metals and others. More information about Praxair, Inc. is available at [www.praxair.com](http://www.praxair.com).

**About the Arbor Day Foundation**

The Arbor Day Foundation is a nonprofit conservation and education organization of one million members, with the mission to inspire people to plant, nurture and celebrate trees. More information on the Foundation and its programs can be found at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org), or by visiting the Foundation on Facebook at [facebook.com/arborday](https://facebook.com/arborday) or Twitter at [twitter.com/arborday](https://twitter.com/arborday).

**About The Nature Conservancy**

The Nature Conservancy is a leading conservation organization working around the world to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends. The Conservancy and its more than 1 million members have protected nearly 120 million acres of land and thousands of miles of rivers worldwide. The Conservancy also operates more than 100 marine conservation projects globally. Visit The Nature Conservancy on the Web at [www.nature.org](http://www.nature.org).