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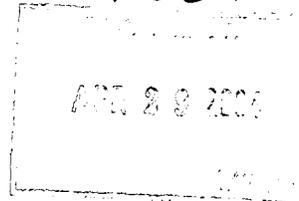
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Praxair, Inc., Rights and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on April 29, 2004.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read 'Paul Madho', is written below the word 'Sincerely,'.