

DITKOFF JAMES H
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 DITKOFF JAMES H

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2099 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE,
 NW, 12TH FLOOR

(Street)

WASHINGTON, DC 20006

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 DANAHER CORP /DE/ [DHR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/01/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 ___X___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

Senior VP-Finance & Tax

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 ___X___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Underlying Securities
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	(Instr. 8)
Executive Deferred Incentive Program -- Danaher Stock Fund ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾	01/01/2009	A ⁽³⁾	741.9					⁽⁴⁾	⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	741.9	\$ 5 (

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DITKOFF JAMES H 2099 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW 12TH FLOOR WASHINGTON, DC 20006			Senior VP-Finance & Tax	

Signatures

James F. O'Reilly, attorney-in-fact for James H. Ditkoff 01/05/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
 - ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Compensation deferred or contributed into the Danaher stock fund (the "EDIP Stock Fund") included in Danaher's Executive Deferred Incentive Program (the "EDIP") is deemed to be invested in a number of unfunded, notional shares of Danaher common stock based on
- (1) the closing price of Danaher common stock as reported on the NYSE on the date such compensation is credited to the EDIP Stock Fund. The price shown in Table II, Column 8 above is the closing price per share of Danaher common stock as reported on the NYSE on December 31, 2008.
 - (2) The notional shares convert on a one-for-one basis.
- In accordance with the terms of the EDIP, on January 1, 2009, Danaher credited a specified amount to the EDIP Stock Fund of the
- (3) reporting person, which amount has been deemed to be invested in a number of unfunded, notional shares of Danaher common stock based on the closing price of Danaher common stock as reported on the NYSE on December 31, 2008.
- The reporting person immediately vests in 100% of each voluntary contribution to the EDIP Stock Fund. The reporting person immediately vests in 2/3 of each company contribution to the EDIP Stock Fund, with the remaining 1/3 of the contribution vesting 100%
- (4) upon the earlier of the reporting person's death, or upon retirement following at least 5 years of service with Danaher and reaching the age of 55, or if earlier, one-third per vesting year of participation following eleven vesting years of participation, in each case in accordance with the plan. Upon termination of employment, the vested portion of the EDIP Stock Fund is settled in shares of Danaher common stock.

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