

DANAHER CORP /DE/  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
CAPLIN MORTIMER M

(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)  
07/25/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of 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)								(Instr. 11)
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Phantom shares <u>(1)</u>	\$ 0 <u>(2)</u>	07/25/2008	A		221.93		<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common stock <u>(1)</u>	221.93		\$ 8

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

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WASHINGTON, DC 20006

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## Signatures

James F. O'Reilly, attorney-in-fact for Mortimer M. Caplin  
09/15/2008

\_\_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).

Under the terms of the Non-Employee Directors Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan") established under the Danaher Corporation 2007 Stock Incentive Plan, the reporting person can defer all or part of the cash director fees he is entitled to receive each quarter.

- (1) Amounts deferred under the plan are converted into a particular number of phantom shares of Danaher common stock, calculated based on the closing price of Danaher's common stock on the quarterly date such fees otherwise would have been paid. The price shown in Table II, Column 8 above is the closing price per share of the Danaher common stock as reported on the NYSE on the transaction date noted above.
- (2) Upon distribution, the phantom shares convert into shares of Danaher common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (3) The reporting person is fully vested in all amounts deferred under the Plan.

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