

DANAHER CORP /DE/  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**RALES MITCHELL P**

(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)  
**04/21/2006**

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)  
Chairman of Exec. Committee

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	04/21/2006	04/21/2006	S		3,000,000	D	\$ 64.95 <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share						I	23,692,482 <u>(2)</u>

By Equity Group Holdings LLC and Equity Group Holdings II LLC (3)

Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	41,294	I	By 401(k) Plan
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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 (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Benef Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RALES MITCHELL P 2099 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW 12TH FLOOR WASHINGTON, DC 20006	X	X	Chairman of Exec. Committee	

## Signatures

/s/ Mitchell P. Rales	04/21/2006
**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).
- (1)

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This amount represents the average price from the sale of (i) 2,664,100 shares of Danaher Corporation Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share ("the Shares"), at a price of \$64.86 per share and (ii) 335,900 Shares in numerous transactions at prices ranging from \$65.25 to \$66.40 per share.

- (2) On April 21, 2006, the reporting person received a distribution of 4,314,888 Shares from Equity Group Holdings LLC and 1,846,241 Shares from Equity Group Holdings II LLC for no consideration in transactions exempt from reporting under Rule 16a-13.

- (3) The reported Shares include 20,000,000 Shares beneficially owned by Equity Group Holdings LLC and 3,692,482 Shares beneficially owned by Equity Group Holdings II LLC. Mitchell P. Rales and his brother, Steven M. Rales, are the sole members of Equity Group Holdings LLC and Equity Group Holdings II LLC.

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