

DANAHER CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
January 25, 2007

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT**  
**TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) January 24, 2007

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**Danaher Corporation**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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**Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**001-08089**  
(Commission File Number)

**59-1995548**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**2099 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, D.C.**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**20006-1813**  
(Zip Code)

**202-828-0850**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**Not applicable**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

Patrick W. Allender, Executive Vice President of the Company, has notified the Company that he will retire effective as of February 28, 2007. In connection with Mr. Allender's retirement, the Company and Mr. Allender have entered into a consulting agreement whereby beginning April 1, 2007, Mr. Allender will make himself available to perform certain consulting services for the Company for a monthly retainer of \$20,000. Either party may terminate the agreement at any time upon 30 days prior written notice, or immediately if the other party materially breaches the agreement and fails to cure the breach within ten days of receiving notice of the breach. The agreement also contains customary confidentiality provisions.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

DANAHER CORPORATION

By: /s/ Daniel L. Comas

Name: Daniel L. Comas

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer

Dated: January 24, 2007