#### DANAHER CORP /DE/

Form 4

February 02, 2009

# FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* CAPLIN MORTIMER M

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

DANAHER CORP /DE/ [DHR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

01/30/2009

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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

2099 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW, 12TH FLOOR

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Issuer

WASHINGTON, DC 20006

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Middle)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

7. Nature of 6. Ownership Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

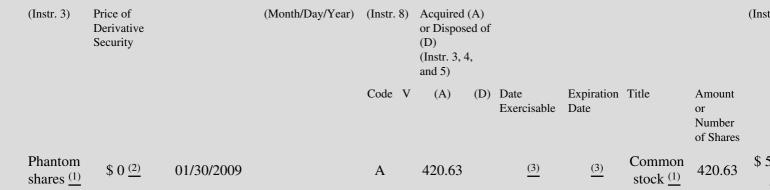
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Pr Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Deri Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Secu

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### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CAPLIN MORTIMER M
2099 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW
12TH FLOOR

WASHINGTON, DC 20006

# **Signatures**

James F. O'Reilly, attorney-in-fact for Mortimer M.
Caplin

02/02/2009

\*\*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).

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. Amounts deferred under the plan are converted into a particular number of notional shares of Danaher common stock, calculated based on

- (1) 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. The phantom shares reported reflect contributions to the reporting person's account under the Plan as well as dividend equivalents accrued to the reporting person's account.
- (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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