

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 \*  
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)  
11/18/2008

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)  
 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)  |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Common Stock                    | 11/18/2008                           |  | M                              | 4,000 A   | \$ 22.6875 76,800   | I  | By revocable trust of which reporting person and spouse are sole trustees and lifetime beneficiaries |
| Common stock                    | 11/18/2008                           |  | S                              | 4,000 D   | \$ 53.7 72,800  | I  | By revocable trust of which  |

|              |         |   |  |
|--------------|---------|---|--|
| Common Stock | 162,000 | I | reporting person and spouse are sole trustees and lifetime beneficiaries<br>By 2008 grantor retained annuity trust |
| Common Stock | 49,400  | I | By 2007 grantor retained annuity trust   |

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable      Expiration Date                    | Title      Amount or Number of Shares                         |
| Employee stock option (right to buy)       | \$ 22.6875   | 11/18/2008                           |  | M                              | 4,000   | 12/01/1998      11/30/2008                               | Common stock      4,000                                       |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CAPLIN MORTIMER M<br>2099 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW<br>12TH FLOOR<br>WASHINGTON, DC 20006 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| James F. O'Reilly, attorney-in-fact for Mortimer M.<br>Caplin | 11/19/2008          |
| <small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>                | <small>Date</small> |

## 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).

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