

DANAHER CORP /DE/
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL 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

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. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2008

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)
Chairman of Exec. Committee

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount Price		
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	04/30/2008	^	G	1,000,000 D	\$ 0 7,255,212	D	^
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per	06/11/2008	^	G ⁽¹⁾	12,555 D	\$ 0 7,242,657	D	^

share

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share
 06/11/2008 Â G⁽¹⁾ 12,555 A \$ 0 12,555 I By spouse

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share
 10/17/2008 Â G 1,000,000 D \$ 0 6,242,657 D Â

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share
 Â Â Â Â Â Â 64,690 I By 401(k) Plan

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share
 Â Â Â Â Â Â 22,000,000 I Through single-member LLCs

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. of D Se O E Is Fi (I
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

RALES MITCHELL P
2099 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW X Chairman of Exec. Committee
12TH FLOOR
WASHINGTON, DC 20006

Signatures

/s/ Mitchell P. 02/13/2009
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__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by his spouse, and this report should not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of his spouse's shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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