

DANAHER CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
January 29, 2004

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 8-K

### 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 29, 2004**

## DANAHER CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**001-08089**

(Commission File Number)

**59-1995548**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**2099 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.**

**Washington, D.C. 20006-1813**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

**(202) 828-0850**

(Registrant's telephone Number, including area code)

**Not applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

**ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION**

On January 29, 2004, Danaher Corporation issued a press release announcing earnings for the year and quarter ended December 31, 2003. A copy of the release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein. This Current Report on Form 8-K and the press release attached hereto are being furnished by Danaher pursuant to Item 12 of Form 8-K.

This information shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

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/ Patrick W. Allender  
Name: Patrick W. Allender  
Title: Executive Vice President, Chief  
Financial Officer and Secretary

Dated: January 29, 2004

Exhibit Index

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press release Danaher Corporation Reports Record Fourth Quarter and 2003 Results