

DITKOFF JAMES H  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**DITKOFF JAMES H**

(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)  
**01/28/2009**

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)

Senior VP-Finance & Tax

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/28/2009		G <sup>(1)</sup>	V 436 D \$ 0	80,774	D	
Common Stock	01/28/2009		G <sup>(1)</sup>	V 436 D \$ 0	80,338	D	
Common Stock	01/28/2009		G <sup>(1)</sup>	V 436 D \$ 0	79,902	D	
Common Stock	01/28/2009		G <sup>(1)</sup>	V 436 D \$ 0	79,466	D	
Common Stock	01/28/2009		G <sup>(1)</sup>	V 436 D \$ 0	79,030	D	

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Common Stock	01/28/2009	<u>G(2)</u>	V	436	A	\$ 0	1,510	I	By trust for benefit of grandchild; spouse is trustee
Common Stock	01/28/2009	<u>G(2)</u>	V	436	A	\$ 0	1,509	I	By trust for benefit of grandchild; spouse is trustee
Common Stock	01/28/2009	<u>G(2)</u>	V	436	A	\$ 0	1,509	I	By trust for benefit of grandchild; spouse is trustee
Common Stock	01/28/2009	<u>G(2)</u>	V	436	A	\$ 0	1,308	I	By trust for benefit of grandchild; spouse is trustee
Common Stock	01/28/2009	<u>G(2)</u>	V	436	A	\$ 0	976	I	By trust for benefit of grandchild; spouse is trustee
Common Stock							60,400	I	By spouse
Common Stock							45,073	I	401(k) plan
Common Stock							2,208	I	By GRAT dated September 25, 2004 with five year term
Common Stock							4,178	I	By GRAT dated September 25, 2005 with five year term
Common Stock							3,518	I	By GRAT dated September 25, 2006 with five

year term

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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DITKOFF JAMES H 2099 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW 12TH FLOOR WASHINGTON, DC 20006			Senior VP-Finance & Tax	

## Signatures

James F. O'Reilly, attorney-in-fact for James H. Ditkoff  
01/29/2009

\_\_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).
- (1) Represents gift of shares to a trust for the benefit of the reporting person's grandchild.
- (2) Represents reporting person's acquisition of indirect, beneficial interest as a result of gifting shares to a trust for the benefit of the reporting person's grandchild. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

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