

DANAHER CORP /DE/
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UNITED STATES
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): November 1, 2007

Danaher Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-08089
(Commission File Number)

59-1995548
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

2099 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., 12th Floor, Washington, D.C.
(Address of principal executive offices)

20006-1813
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 202-828-0850

Not Applicable.

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

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 - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On November 1, 2007, Danaher Corporation (the Company) entered into a purchase agreement (the Purchase Agreement) with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, as representatives of the underwriters party to the Purchase Agreement, to issue and sell 6,000,000 shares of the Company's common stock, \$0.01 par value per share (the Shares), in a public offering pursuant to a Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-135780) (the Registration Statement) and a related prospectus supplement (the Prospectus Supplement) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

In addition, the Company granted the underwriters an option exercisable for 30 days from the date of the Prospectus Supplement to purchase, at the public offering price less underwriting discounts, up to an additional 900,000 shares of the Company's common stock, solely to cover overallotments. The Company expects to receive net proceeds, after expenses and assuming the underwriters' overallotment option is not exercised, of approximately \$478.0 million. The above description of the Purchase Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Purchase Agreement, which is filed as Exhibit 1.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, counsel to the Company, has issued an opinion to the Company, dated November 1, 2007, regarding the legality of the Shares upon issuance and sale thereof. A copy of the opinion as to legality is filed as Exhibit 5.1 hereto.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed herewith:

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 1.1 | Purchase Agreement dated November 1, 2007. |
| 5.1 | Opinion of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP. |
| 23.1 | Consent of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP (contained in Exhibit 5.1 above). |

SIGNATURES

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.

Date: November 2, 2007

DANAHER CORPORATION

By: /s/ Daniel L. Comas
Daniel L. Comas
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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