

DANAHER CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
December 11, 2007

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported):**

**December 6, 2007**

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**Danaher Corporation**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**  
  
**of incorporation)**

**001-08089**  
**(Commission File Number)**

**59-1995548**  
**(IRS Employer**  
  
**Identification No.)**

**2099 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., 12<sup>th</sup> 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 December 6, 2007, Danaher Corporation (the Company) entered into a purchase agreement (the Purchase Agreement) with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. and UBS Securities LLC, as representatives of the underwriters party to the Purchase Agreement, for the sale by the Company of \$500 million aggregate principal amount of 5.625% senior notes due 2018, in a public offering pursuant to a Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-135780) and a related preliminary prospectus supplement and prospectus supplement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Company expects to receive net proceeds, after expenses, of approximately \$493.4 million. The offering of the senior notes closed on December 11, 2007.

The senior notes will be issued under an indenture (the Indenture) entered into between the Company and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. (the Trustee) on December 11, 2007, as supplemented by a supplemental indenture (the Supplemental Indenture) entered into between the Company and the Trustee on December 11, 2007.

The above description of the Purchase Agreement, the Indenture and the Supplemental Indenture is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Purchase Agreement, the Indenture and the Supplemental Indenture, which are filed as Exhibits 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 hereto and are incorporated herein by reference.

Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, counsel to the Company, has issued an opinion to the Company, dated December 6, 2007, regarding the legality of the Securities 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:

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
1.1	Purchase Agreement dated December 6, 2007.
1.2	Indenture dated December 11, 2007.
1.3	Supplemental Indenture dated December 11, 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: December 11, 2007

DANAHER CORPORATION

By: /s/ Daniel L. Comas  
Daniel L. Comas

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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