

Danaher Announces Definitive Agreement to Acquire EskoArtwork for \$470 Million

WASHINGTON, D.C., January 20, 2011 - Danaher Corporation (NYSE: DHR) announced today that it has signed a definitive agreement to acquire EskoArtwork, a leading full service solutions provider for the digital packaging design and production market, for a purchase price of €350 million (\$470 million based on current exchange rates). Upon closing, the business will become a part of Danaher's Product Identification platform.

Headquartered in Ghent, Belgium, and with revenues of approximately €184 million (\$247 million) in its most recent completed fiscal year, EskoArtwork's suite of software and hardware solutions helps its customers reduce digital design cycle time and ensure integrity throughout the packaging material supply chain.

The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions, including the receipt of regulatory approvals, and is expected to close in the first half of 2011.

Danaher is a diversified technology leader that designs, manufactures, and markets innovative products and services to professional, medical, industrial, and commercial customers. Our portfolio of premier brands is among the most highly recognized in each of the markets we serve. Driven by a foundation provided by the Danaher Business System, our 47,000 associates serve customers in more than 125 countries and generated \$11.2 billion of revenue in 2009. For more information please visit our website: www.danaher.com.

Statements in this release that are not strictly historical, including statements regarding the proposed acquisition, the expected timetable for completing the transaction, the anticipated accretive impact of the acquisition on Danaher's 2010 diluted earnings per share and any other statements regarding events or developments that we believe or anticipate will or may occur in the future, may be "forward-looking" statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. There are a number of important factors that could cause actual events to differ materially from those suggested or indicated by such forward-looking statements and you should not place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements. These factors include, among other things: general economic conditions and conditions affecting the industry in which EskoArtwork operates; the uncertainty of regulatory approvals; the parties' ability to satisfy the closing conditions and consummate the transactions; Danaher's ability to successfully integrate EskoArtwork's operations and employees with Danaher's existing business; and the ability to realize anticipated growth, synergies and cost savings. Additional information regarding the factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from these forward-looking statements is available in Danaher's SEC filings, including Danaher's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 and Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended October 1, 2010. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this release and Danaher does

not assume any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events and developments or otherwise.

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