Danaher Announces Sale of the Semiconductor Business of Leica Microsystems

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Danaher Corporation announced today that it has completed the sale of the semiconductor equipment division of Leica Microsystems AG to Golden Gate Capital. This divestiture was assumed as a part of the overall acquisition of Leica Microsystems AG and as a result, the company does not expect to recognize any gain or loss from this transaction. With 2004 revenues of approximately $120 million, the semiconductor equipment division manufactures and sells microelectronic inspection equipment and lithography systems.

Danaher Corporation is a leading manufacturer of Professional Instrumentation, Industrial Technologies, and Tools and Components. (http://www.danaher.com/)

Statements in this release regarding any potential gains or losses from the aforementioned divestiture and any other statements that are not statements of historical fact constitute forward looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. There are a number of important factors that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those indicated by such forward looking statements, including the factors described in Danaher's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004 and its most recent quarterly report filed with the SEC. The Company disclaims any intention or obligation to update any forward looking statements as a result of developments occurring after the date of this release.

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