

DANAHER CORPORATION ANNOUNCES PURCHASE OF STAKE IN DKK-TOA CORPORATION

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Danaher Corporation announced today that its wholly-owned subsidiary Hach Company has entered into an agreement with DKK-TOA Corporation pursuant to which it acquired from certain shareholders of DKK-TOA approximately 1.8 million shares or 10.7% of the outstanding shares of DKK-TOA at a purchase price of approximately \$5 million excluding transaction costs. DKK-TOA is a leading Japanese manufacturer and distributor of lab and process analytical instruments for the Environmental markets, primarily water quality. Under the agreement, DKK-TOA will also become the exclusive distributor of several Hach Company products in Japan.

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

Statements in this release that are not strictly historical may be "forward-looking" statements, including statements about Hach Company's investment in DKK-TOA shares and the distribution agreement between Hach Company and DKK-TOA. 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. These factors include, among other things, the Company's ability to achieve projected efficiencies and cost reductions, economic conditions in the end-markets the Company sells into, the Company's ability to expand its business in new geographic markets, competition, market demand for new products, currency exchange rates and general economic conditions. Additional information regarding the factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from these forward-looking statements is available in our SEC filings, including our 2004 Annual Report on Form 10-K and Third Quarter 2005 Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

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