

# DANAHER REPORTS RECORD THIRD QUARTER 2010 RESULTS

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 21 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Danaher Corporation (NYSE: DHR) announced today that GAAP net earnings for the quarter ended October 1, 2010 were \$646.4 million, or \$0.95 per diluted share, which includes a \$0.34 gain related to the formation of the Apex Tool Group joint venture, and represents a 79% increase as compared to GAAP net earnings per diluted share of \$0.53 for the third quarter 2009. On a non-GAAP basis, which reflects the adjustments identified in the attached reconciliation schedule, 2010 third quarter adjusted net earnings were \$405.4 million, or \$0.60 per diluted share, a 33% increase over 2009 third quarter adjusted net earnings per diluted share of \$0.45. Sales for the 2010 third quarter were \$3.2 billion, 16% higher than the \$2.8 billion reported for the 2009 third quarter. Core revenues increased 12.5% in the quarter compared to the third quarter of 2009.

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In addition to the financial measures prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), this earnings announcement also contains non-GAAP financial measures. The reasons why we believe these measures provide useful information to investors, a reconciliation of these measures to the most directly comparable GAAP measures and other information relating to these measures are included in the supplemental reconciliation schedule attached.

Statements in this release that are not strictly historical, including the statements regarding the Company's competitive performance and expectations for the balance of 2010 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, the uncertainty in the economy and financial markets, the impact of our restructuring activities on our ability to grow, contractions or growth rates and cyclicity of markets we serve, competition, our ability to develop and successfully market new products and technologies and expand into new markets, our ability to successfully identify, consummate and integrate appropriate acquisitions, contingent liabilities relating to acquisitions, risks relating to potential impairment of goodwill and other long-lived assets, currency exchange rates, our compliance with applicable laws and regulations and changes in applicable laws and regulations, tax audits and changes in our tax rate and income tax liabilities, litigation and other contingent liabilities including intellectual property and environmental matters, risks relating to product defects and recalls, the impact of our debt obligations on our operations, pension plan costs, commodity costs and surcharges, our ability to adjust purchases and manufacturing capacity to reflect market conditions, legislative health care reform and other changes in health care industry, labor matters, our relationships with and the performance of our channel partners, risks relating to man-made and natural disasters, our ability to achieve projected cost reductions and growth, and international economic, political, legal and business factors. 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 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the third quarter of 2010. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this release and the Company 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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DANAHER CORPORATION

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CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS

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(\$ and shares in thousands, except per share amounts)

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	October 1, 2010	October 2, 2009	October 1, 2010	October 2, 2009
Sales	\$3,190,193	\$2,750,693	\$9,593,334	\$8,052,046
Cost of sales	1,541,337	1,429,736	4,807,015	4,210,211
Gross profit	1,648,856	1,320,957	4,786,319	3,841,835
Operating costs and other:				
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(884,165)	(782,438)	(2,669,530)	(2,299,756)
Research and development expenses	(202,591)	(159,040)	(587,473)	(478,435)
Earnings from unconsolidated joint venture	10,550	--	10,550	--
Other income	--	85,118	--	85,118
Operating profit	572,650	464,597	1,539,866	1,148,762
Non-operating income (expense):				
Gain on contribution of businesses to joint				

venture	291,037	--	291,037	--
Interest				
expense	(31,903)	(31,842)	(92,128)	(87,228)
Interest				
income	1,777	1,594	4,369	3,385
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Earnings				
before				
income				
taxes	833,561	434,349	1,743,144	1,064,919
Income taxes	(187,126)	(82,986)	(424,000)	(180,150)
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Net earnings	\$646,435	\$351,363	\$1,319,144	\$884,769
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Net earnings				
per share:				
Basic	\$0.99	\$0.55	\$2.02	\$1.39
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Diluted	\$0.95	\$0.53	\$1.95	\$1.33
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Average				
common				
stock and				
common				
equivalent				
shares				
outstanding:				
Basic	654,599	642,186	651,995	637,038
Diluted	683,431	672,536	681,964	669,526

A complete copy of Danaher's Form 10-Q financial statements is available on the Company's website ([www.danaher.com](http://www.danaher.com))

DANAHER CORPORATION  
RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES  
(\$ in 000's except per share data)

Three Months Ended  
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	October 1,	October 2,	%
Adjusted Net Earnings	2010	2009	Change
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Net Earnings (GAAP)	\$646,435	\$351,363	84.0%
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Acquisition-related transaction costs deemed significant (\$8 million and \$11 million pre-tax for the nine months ended October 1, 2010 and October 2, 2009, respectively), and fair value adjustments to acquisition related inventory and deferred revenue balances (\$8 million and \$46 million pre-tax for the three and nine months ended October 1, 2010, respectively, and \$7 million and \$11 million pre-tax for the three months and nine months ended October 2, 2009, respectively)

("Acquisition Related Costs")	5,777	12,697
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Gain on contribution of assets to Apex joint venture (\$291 million pre-tax for the three and nine months ended October 1, 2010, respectively) ("Joint Venture Gain")

(232,200)	-
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Gains from net reduction in income tax reserves, other discrete tax items and reduction of effective tax rate ("Income Tax Items")

(14,586)	(36,729)
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Gain on intellectual property litigation settlement with Align Technology, Inc (\$85 million pre-tax for both the three and nine months ended October 2, 2009, respectively) ("Align

Settlement Gain) - (53,412)

Restructuring charges in excess of amounts originally budgeted for the applicable period (\$33 million and \$67 million pre-tax for the three and nine months ended October 2, 2009, respectively) ("Additional Restructurings") - 25,115

Adjusted Net Earnings (Non-GAAP) \$405,426 \$299,034 35.6%  
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Adjusted Net Earnings Per Diluted Share  
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Net Earnings Per Diluted Share (GAAP) \$0.95 \$0.53 79.2%  
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Acquisition Related Costs 0.01 0.02

Joint Venture Gain (0.34) -

Income Tax Items (0.02) (0.06)

Align Settlement Gain - (0.08)

Additional Restructurings - 0.04

Adjusted Net Earnings Per Diluted Share (Non-GAAP) \$0.60 \$0.45 33.3%  
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Core Revenue Growth  
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Three  
Months

Ended  
October  
1, 2010  
vs.  
Comparable  
2009

Components of Sales Growth	Period
Core (non-GAAP)	12.5%
Acquisitions (non-GAAP)	5.0%
Impact of currency translation (non-GAAP)	-1.5%
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Total Sales Growth (GAAP)	16.0%
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Nine Months Ended

	October 1, 2010	October 2, 2009	%
Adjusted Net Earnings			Change
Net Earnings (GAAP)	\$1,319,144	\$884,769	49.1%
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2009, respectively)  
 ("Acquisition Related Costs") 40,671 17,517

Gain on contribution of assets to  
 Apex joint venture (\$291 million  
 pre-tax for the three and nine  
 months ended October 1, 2010,  
 respectively) ("Joint Venture  
 Gain") (232,200) -

Gains from net reduction in  
 income tax reserves, other  
 discrete tax items and reduction  
 of effective tax rate ("Income  
 Tax Items") (18,613) (97,229)

Gain on intellectual property  
 litigation settlement with Align  
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 of amounts originally budgeted  
 for the applicable period (\$33  
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 for the three and nine months  
 ended October 2, 2009,  
 respectively) ("Additional  
 Restructurings") - 50,615

Adjusted Net Earnings (Non-GAAP) \$1,109,002 \$802,260 38.2%  
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Adjusted Net Earnings Per Diluted  
 Share

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Net Earnings Per Diluted Share  
 (GAAP) \$1.95 \$1.33 46.6%  
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Acquisition Related Costs	0.06	0.03
Joint Venture Gain	(0.34)	-
Income Tax Items	(0.03)	(0.15)
Align Settlement Gain	-	(0.08)
Additional Restructurings	-	0.08

Adjusted Net Earnings Per Diluted

Share (Non-GAAP)	\$1.64	\$1.21	35.5%
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Core Revenue Growth

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Components of Sales Growth

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Core (non-GAAP)

Acquisitions (non-GAAP)

Impact of currency translation  
(non-GAAP)

Total Sales Growth (GAAP)

*Adjusted Net Earnings and Adjusted Net Earnings Per Diluted Share*

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Management believes that these measures provide useful information to investors by reflecting additional ways of viewing aspects of Danaher's operations that, when reconciled to the corresponding GAAP measures, help our investors to better understand the long-term profitability trends of our business, and facilitate easier comparisons of our profitability to prior and future periods and to our peers. The items described above have been excluded from these measures because items of this nature and/or size occur with inconsistent frequency, for reasons that may be unrelated to Danaher's commercial performance during the period and/or we believe are not indicative of Danaher's ongoing operating costs or gains in a given period, which we

believe may obscure underlying business trends and make comparisons of long-term performance difficult. At the beginning of 2010, management communicated that it expects to incur approximately \$35 million (approximately \$0.04 cents per share) of acquisition-related transaction costs during 2010. Acquisition-related transaction costs incurred during a quarter in excess of \$13.5 million (approximately \$0.02 per share) are deemed significant.

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Diluted	\$ 0.95	\$ 0.53	\$ 1.95	\$ 1.33
Average common stock and common equivalent shares outstanding:				
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**RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES**  
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	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	October 1, 2010	October 2, 2009	% Change	October 1, 2010	October 2, 2009	% Change
<b>Adjusted Net Earnings</b>						
Net Earnings (GAAP)	\$ 646,435	\$ 351,363	84.0%	\$ 1,319,144	\$ 884,769	49.1%
Acquisition-related transaction costs deemed significant (\$8 million and \$11 million pre-tax for the nine months ended October 1, 2010 and October 2, 2009, respectively), and fair value adjustments to acquisition related inventory and deferred revenue balances (\$8 million and \$46 million pre-tax for the three and nine months ended October 1, 2010, respectively, and \$7 million and \$11 million pre-tax for the three months and nine months ended October 2, 2009, respectively) ("Acquisition Related Costs")	5,777	12,697		40,671	17,517	
Gain on contribution of assets to Apex joint venture (\$291 million pre-tax for the three and nine months ended October 1, 2010, respectively) ("Joint Venture Gain")	(232,200)	-		(232,200)	-	
Gains from net reduction in income tax reserves, other discrete tax items and reduction of effective tax rate ("Income Tax Items")	(14,586)	(36,729)		(18,613)	(97,229)	
Gain on intellectual property litigation settlement with Align Technology, Inc (\$85 million pre-tax for both the three and nine months ended October 2, 2009, respectively) ("Align Settlement Gain")	-	(53,412)		-	(53,412)	
Restructuring charges in excess of amounts originally budgeted for the applicable period (\$33 million and \$67 million pre-tax for the three and nine months ended October 2, 2009, respectively) ("Additional Restructurings")	-	25,115		-	50,615	
Adjusted Net Earnings (Non-GAAP)	\$ 405,426	\$ 299,034	35.6%	\$ 1,109,002	\$ 802,260	38.2%

**Adjusted Net Earnings Per Diluted Share**

Net Earnings Per Diluted Share (GAAP)	\$ 0.95	\$ 0.53	79.2%	\$ 1.95	\$ 1.33	46.6%
Acquisition Related Costs	0.01	0.02		0.06	0.03	

Joint Venture Gain	(0.34)	-	(0.34)	-		
Income Tax Items	(0.02)	(0.06)	(0.03)	(0.15)		
Align Settlement Gain	-	(0.08)	-	(0.08)		
Additional Restructurings	-	0.04	-	0.08		
Adjusted Net Earnings Per Diluted Share (Non-GAAP)	<u>\$ 0.60</u>	<u>\$ 0.45</u>	<u>33.3%</u>	<u>\$ 1.64</u>	<u>\$ 1.21</u>	<u>35.5%</u>

#### Core Revenue Growth

<u>Components of Sales Growth</u>	<u>Three Months Ended October 1, 2010 vs. Comparable 2009 Period</u>
Core (non-GAAP)	12.5%
Acquisitions (non-GAAP)	5.0%
Impact of currency translation (non-GAAP)	-1.5%
Total Sales Growth (GAAP)	<u>16.0%</u>

### **Adjusted Net Earnings and Adjusted Net Earnings Per Diluted Share**

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At the beginning of 2010, management communicated that it expects to incur approximately \$35 million (approximately \$0.04 cents per share) of acquisition-related transaction costs during 2010. Acquisition-related transaction costs incurred during a quarter in excess of \$13.5 million (approximately \$0.02 per share) are deemed significant.

The Company estimates the tax effect of the items identified in the reconciliation schedule above by applying the Company's overall estimated effective tax rate to the pre-tax amount, unless the nature of the item and/or the tax jurisdiction in which the item has been recorded requires application of a specific tax rate or tax treatment, in which case the tax effect of such item is estimated by applying such specific tax rate or tax

treatment.

### **Core Revenue and Core Revenue Growth**

We use the term "core revenue" or "sales from existing businesses" to refer to GAAP revenue excluding (1) sales from acquired businesses recorded prior to the first anniversary of the acquisition ("acquisition sales"), (2) third quarter 2009 sales attributable to the businesses contributed to the Apex joint venture, and (3) the impact of currency translation. The portion of GAAP revenue attributable to currency translation is calculated as the difference between (a) the period-to-period change in GAAP revenue (excluding acquisition sales and third quarter 2009 sales attributable to the businesses contributed to the Apex joint venture) and (b) the period-to-period change in revenue (excluding acquisition sales and third quarter 2009 sales attributable to the businesses contributed to the Apex joint venture) after applying current period foreign exchange rates to the prior year period. We use the term "core revenue growth" to refer to the measure of comparing current period core revenue with the corresponding period of the prior year. These non-GAAP measures should be considered in addition to, and not as a replacement for or superior to, the comparable GAAP measures, and may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

Management believes that these measures provide useful information to investors by reflecting additional ways of viewing aspects of Danaher's operations that, when reconciled to the corresponding GAAP measures, help our investors to better identify underlying growth trends in our business and facilitate easier comparisons of our revenue performance with prior and future periods and to our peers. We exclude the effect of currency translation from these measures because currency translation is not under management's control, is subject to volatility and can obscure underlying business trends. We exclude the effect of acquisitions because the nature, size and number of acquisitions can vary dramatically from period to period and between us and our peers, which we believe may obscure underlying business trends and make comparisons of long-term performance difficult. We exclude the effect of the third quarter 2009 sales attributable to the businesses contributed to the Apex joint venture because as a result of application of the equity method of accounting beginning with the formation of the joint venture on July 4, 2010, the Company did not recognize sales from those businesses in the third quarter of 2010.

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