

Danaher Reports Record Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2010 Results

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 27, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Danaher Corporation (NYSE: DHR) announced today that GAAP net earnings for the quarter ended December 31, 2010 were \$473.9 million, or \$0.69 per diluted share, a 72.5% increase over GAAP diluted net earnings per share of \$0.40 for the fourth quarter 2009. On a non-GAAP basis, which reflects the adjustments identified in the attached reconciliation schedule, 2010 fourth quarter adjusted net earnings were \$455.4 million, or \$0.67 per diluted share, a 19.5% increase over 2009 fourth quarter adjusted diluted net earnings per share of \$0.56. Sales for the 2010 fourth quarter were \$3.6 billion, 15% higher than the \$3.1 billion reported for the 2009 fourth quarter. Core revenues increased 13% in the quarter compared to the fourth quarter of 2009.

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DANAHER CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS
(unaudited)

(\$ in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended		Year Ended	
	12/31/10	12/31/09	12/31/10	12/31/09
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Sales	\$3,609,268	\$3,132,892	\$13,202,602	\$11,184,938
Cost of sales	1,768,797	1,694,507	6,575,812	5,904,718
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Gross profit	1,840,471	1,438,385	6,626,790	5,280,220
Operating costs and other:				
Selling, general and administrative expenses	1,004,173	890,455	3,673,703	3,190,211
Research and development expenses	222,008	154,216	809,481	632,651
Earnings from unconsolidated joint venture	(12,218)	--	(22,768)	--
Other income	--	--	--	(85,118)
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Operating profit	626,508	393,714	2,166,374	1,542,476
Non-operating income (expense):				
Gain on contribution of businesses to joint venture	--	--	291,037	--
Interest expense	(28,647)	(35,428)	(120,775)	(122,656)
Interest income	1,700	1,649	6,069	5,034
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Earnings before income taxes	599,561	359,935	2,342,705	1,424,854
Income taxes	(125,705)	(93,000)	(549,705)	(273,150)
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Net				

earnings	\$473,856	\$266,935	\$1,793,000	\$1,151,704
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Net earnings per share:

Basic	\$0.72	\$0.41	\$2.74	\$1.80
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Diluted	\$0.69	\$0.40	\$2.64	\$1.73
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Average common stock and common equivalent shares outstanding:

Basic	656,733	645,432	653,194	641,530
Diluted	687,207	677,360	683,275	671,484

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
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As of December 31 (\$ and shares in thousands)

ASSETS	2010	2009
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Current Assets:		
Cash and equivalents	\$1,632,980	\$1,721,920
Trade accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$136,648 and \$133,103, respectively	2,218,975	1,916,831
Inventories	1,225,151	993,016
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	652,407	588,861
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Total current assets	5,729,513	5,220,628
Property, plant and equipment, net	1,192,303	1,143,331
Investment in joint venture	511,283	--
Other assets	701,127	758,035
Goodwill	10,758,402	9,817,923
Other intangible assets, net	3,324,502	2,655,503
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Total assets	\$22,217,130	\$19,595,420
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Current Liabilities:

Notes payable and current portion of long-term debt	\$40,761	\$44,186
Trade accounts payable	1,215,818	1,051,487
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	2,048,175	1,665,287
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Total current liabilities	3,304,754	2,760,960

Other long-term liabilities	2,355,703	2,315,261
Long-term debt	2,783,907	2,889,023

Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock - \$0.01 par value, 1 billion shares authorized; 729,516 and 717,844 issued; 656,360 and 645,470 outstanding, respectively	7,295	3,589
Additional paid-in capital	2,412,401	2,074,501
Retained earnings	10,945,928	9,205,142
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	345,386	346,944
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Total Danaher stockholders' equity	13,711,010	11,630,176
Non-controlling interest	61,756	--

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DANAHER CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
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Year Ended December 31 (\$ in thousands)

	2010	2009
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Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net earnings	\$1,793,000	\$1,151,704
Non-cash items:		
Depreciation	197,998	184,524
Amortization	199,084	157,063
Stock compensation expense	88,122	87,350
Earnings from unconsolidated joint venture	(22,768)	--
Pre-tax gain on contribution of businesses to joint venture	(291,037)	--
Consideration received in shares	--	(84,749)
Change in deferred income taxes	43,353	(154,098)
Change in trade accounts receivable, net	(262,123)	106,132
Change in inventories	(166,454)	211,595
Change in accounts payable	224,711	(89,853)
Change in prepaid expenses and other assets	70,715	142,396
Change in accrued expenses and other liabilities	209,750	88,770
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Net cash flows from operating activities	2,084,351	1,800,834
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Cash flows from investing activities:		
Payments for additions to property, plant and equipment	(217,328)	(188,547)
Proceeds from disposals of property, plant and equipment	1,559	6,090
Proceeds from contribution of businesses to joint venture	56,542	--
Cash paid for acquisitions	(2,129,652)	(703,511)
Cash paid for other investments	--	(66,768)
Proceeds from divestitures	--	9,795
Net cash used in investing		

activities	(2,288,879)	(942,941)
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Cash flows from financing

activities:

Proceeds from issuance of common stock	178,406	174,233
Payment of dividends	(52,214)	(41,717)
Purchase of treasury stock	--	--
Net (repayments) proceeds of borrowings (maturities of 90 days or less)	--	(445,711)
Proceeds of borrowings (maturities longer than 90 days)	--	744,615
Repayments of borrowings (maturities longer than 90 days)	(9,388)	(24,188)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	116,804	407,232

Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and equivalents	(1,216)	63,941
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Net change in cash and equivalents	(88,940)	1,329,066
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Beginning balance of cash and equivalents	1,721,920	392,854
Ending balance of cash and equivalents	\$1,632,980	\$1,721,920

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DANAHER CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
SEGMENT INFORMATION

(\$ in millions, unaudited)

Sales	Three Months Ended		Year Ended	
	12/31/10	12/31/09	12/31/10	12/31/09
Test & Measurement	\$801.4	\$597.9	\$2,832.9	\$2,221.3
Environmental	751.7	699.6	2,738.0	2,418.7
Life Sciences & Diagnostics	681.9	432.1	2,298.3	1,484.9
Dental	521.5	489.0	1,824.6	1,657.0
Industrial Technologies	852.8	747.8	3,193.2	2,795.1
Businesses contributed to Apex JV attributable to periods prior to contribution	--	166.5	315.6	607.9
	\$3,609.3	\$3,132.9	\$13,202.6	\$11,184.9

Operating Profit

Test & Measurement	\$158.8	\$111.1	\$572.9	\$301.4
Environmental	166.3	127.1	564.3	471.0

Life Sciences & Diagnostics	89.6	54.3	227.9	179.6
Dental	63.2	23.7	203.3	215.9
Industrial Technologies	161.3	89.2	630.1	400.2
Businesses contributed to Apex joint venture:				
Attributable to periods prior to contribution	--	11.3	41.5	63.9
Equity method earnings subsequent to JV formation	12.2	--	22.8	--
Other	(24.9)	(23.0)	(96.4)	(89.6)
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	\$626.5	\$393.7	\$2,166.4	\$1,542.4
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Operating Margins

Test & Measurement	19.8%	18.6%	20.2%	13.6%
Environmental	22.1%	18.2%	20.6%	19.5%
Life Sciences & Diagnostics	13.1%	12.6%	9.9%	12.1%
Dental	12.1%	4.8%	11.1%	13.0%
Industrial Technologies	18.9%	11.9%	19.7%	14.3%
Total	17.4%	12.6%	16.4%	13.8%

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

	Three Months Ended		
	December 31,		% Change
Adjusted Net Earnings	2010	2009	
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Net Earnings (GAAP)	\$473,856	\$266,935	77.5%
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Acquisition-related transaction costs deemed significant 5,774 14,250
(\$0 and \$8 million pre-tax for the three months and year ended December 31, 2010, respectively, and \$12 million and \$24 million pre-tax for the three months and year ended December 31, 2009,

respectively), and fair value adjustments to acquisition related inventory and deferred revenue balances (\$8 million and \$54 million pre-tax for the three months and year ended December 31, 2010, respectively, and \$3 million and \$13 million pre-tax for the three months and year ended December 31, 2009, respectively) ("Acquisition Related Costs")

Gain on contribution of assets to Apex joint venture (\$291 million pre-tax for year ended December 31, 2010) ("Joint Venture Gain")

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

Gain on intellectual property litigation settlement with Align Technology, Inc (\$85 million pre-tax for the year ended December 31, 2009) ("Align Settlement Gain")

Restructuring charges in excess of amounts originally budgeted for the applicable period (\$125 million and \$190 million pre-tax for the three months and year ended December 31, 2009, respectively) ("Additional Restructurings")

Adjusted Net Earnings (Non-GAAP)	\$455,445	\$374,935	21.5%
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Adjusted Diluted Net Earnings Per Share

Net Earnings Per Diluted Share (GAAP)	\$0.69	\$0.40	72.5%
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Acquisition Related Costs	0.01	0.02	
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Joint Venture Gain	-	-	
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Income Tax Items	(0.03)	-	
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Align Settlement Gain	-	-
Additional Restructurings	-	0.14

Adjusted Diluted Net Earnings Per Share (Non-GAAP)	\$0.67	\$0.56	19.6%
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	Year Ended		
	December 31,	December 31,	
Adjusted Net Earnings	2010	2009	% Change
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Net Earnings (GAAP)	\$1,793,000	\$1,151,704	55.7%
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Acquisition-related transaction costs deemed significant 46,445 31,767

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Gain on contribution of assets to Apex joint venture (232,200) -

(\$291 million pre-tax for year ended December 31, 2010) ("Joint Venture Gain")

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(\$85 million pre-tax
for the year ended December
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Restructuring charges in
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applicable period
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Adjusted Net Earnings (Non- GAAP)	\$1,564,447	\$1,177,195	32.9%
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Adjusted Diluted Net
Earnings Per Share

Net Earnings Per Diluted Share (GAAP)	\$2.64	\$1.73	52.6%
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Acquisition Related Costs	0.07	0.05
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Joint Venture Gain	(0.34)	-
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Income Tax Items	(0.06)	(0.15)
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Align Settlement Gain	-	(0.08)
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Additional Restructurings	-	0.22
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Adjusted Diluted Net Earnings Per Share (Non- GAAP)	\$2.31	\$1.77	30.5%
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Core Revenue Growth

Components of Sales Growth -----	Three Months Ended Year Ended December 31, December 31, 2010 vs. 2010 vs. Comparable Comparable 2009 Period 2009 Period -----	
	Core (non-GAAP)	13.0%
Acquisitions (non-GAAP)	3.5%	7.0%
Impact of currency translation (non-GAAP)	-1.5%	-0.5%
Total Sales Growth (GAAP)	15.0%	18.0%
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Free Cash Flow

Year Ended

December 31,
2010

Operating Cash Flow (GAAP)	\$2,084,351
Less: Purchases of Property, Plant & Equipment	(217,328)

Free Cash Flow (Non-GAAP)	\$1,867,023

Adjusted Net Earnings and Adjusted Diluted Net Earnings Per Share

We disclose the non-GAAP measures of adjusted net earnings and adjusted diluted net earnings per share, which refer to GAAP net earnings and GAAP diluted net earnings per share, respectively, excluding the items identified in the reconciliation schedule above. 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 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 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) second half 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 second half 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 second half 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.

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Free Cash Flow

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(\$ in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended		Year Ended	
	12/31/10	12/31/09	12/31/10	12/31/09
Sales	\$ 3,609,268	\$ 3,132,892	\$ 13,202,602	\$ 11,184,938
Cost of sales	1,768,797	1,694,507	6,575,812	5,904,718
Gross profit	1,840,471	1,438,385	6,626,790	5,280,220
Operating costs and other:				
Selling, general and administrative expenses	1,004,173	890,455	3,673,703	3,190,211
Research and development expenses	222,008	154,216	809,481	632,651
Earnings from unconsolidated joint venture	(12,218)	--	(22,768)	--
Other income	--	--	--	(85,118)
Operating profit	626,508	393,714	2,166,374	1,542,476
Non-operating income (expense):				
Gain on contribution of businesses to joint venture	--	--	291,037	--
Interest expense	(28,647)	(35,428)	(120,775)	(122,656)
Interest income	1,700	1,649	6,069	5,034
Earnings before income taxes	599,561	359,935	2,342,705	1,424,854
Income taxes	(125,705)	(93,000)	(549,705)	(273,150)
Net earnings	\$ 473,856	\$ 266,935	\$ 1,793,000	\$ 1,151,704
Net earnings per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.72	\$ 0.41	\$ 2.74	\$ 1.80
Diluted	\$ 0.69	\$ 0.40	\$ 2.64	\$ 1.73
Average common stock and common equivalent shares outstanding:				
Basic	656,733	645,432	653,194	641,530
Diluted	687,207	677,360	683,275	671,484

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DANAHER CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(unaudited)

As of December 31 (\$ and shares in thousands)

ASSETS

2010

2009

Current Assets:

Cash and equivalents	\$ 1,632,980	\$ 1,721,920
Trade accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$136,648 and \$133,103, respectively	2,218,975	1,916,831
Inventories	1,225,151	993,016
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	652,407	588,861
Total current assets	5,729,513	5,220,628

Property, plant and equipment, net	1,192,303	1,143,331
Investment in joint venture	511,283	--
Other assets	701,127	758,035
Goodwill	10,758,402	9,817,923
Other intangible assets, net	3,324,502	2,655,503
Total assets	\$ 22,217,130	\$ 19,595,420

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Current Liabilities:

Notes payable and current portion of long-term debt	\$ 40,761	\$ 44,186
Trade accounts payable	1,215,818	1,051,487
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	2,048,175	1,665,287
Total current liabilities	3,304,754	2,760,960

Other long-term liabilities	2,355,703	2,315,261
Long-term debt	2,783,907	2,889,023

Stockholders' equity:

Common stock - \$0.01 par value, 1 billion shares authorized; 729,516 and 717,844 issued; 656,360 and 645,470 outstanding, respectively	7,295	3,589
Additional paid-in capital	2,412,401	2,074,501
Retained earnings	10,945,928	9,205,142
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	345,386	346,944
Total Danaher stockholders' equity	13,711,010	11,630,176
Non-controlling interest	61,756	--
Total stockholders' equity	13,772,766	11,630,176

Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 22,217,130	\$ 19,595,420
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Year Ended December 31 (\$ in thousands)

	2010	2009
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net earnings	\$ 1,793,000	\$ 1,151,704
Non-cash items:		
Depreciation	197,998	184,524
Amortization	199,084	157,063
Stock compensation expense	88,122	87,350
Earnings from unconsolidated joint venture	(22,768)	--
Pre-tax gain on contribution of businesses to joint venture	(291,037)	--
Consideration received in shares	--	(84,749)
Change in deferred income taxes	43,353	(154,098)
Change in trade accounts receivable, net	(262,123)	106,132
Change in inventories	(166,454)	211,595
Change in accounts payable	224,711	(89,853)
Change in prepaid expenses and other assets	70,715	142,396
Change in accrued expenses and other liabilities	209,750	88,770
Net cash flows from operating activities	<u>2,084,351</u>	<u>1,800,834</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Payments for additions to property, plant and equipment	(217,328)	(188,547)
Proceeds from disposals of property, plant and equipment	1,559	6,090
Proceeds from contribution of businesses to joint venture	56,542	--
Cash paid for acquisitions	(2,129,652)	(703,511)
Cash paid for other investments	--	(66,768)
Proceeds from divestitures	--	9,795
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(2,288,879)</u>	<u>(942,941)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	178,406	174,233
Payment of dividends	(52,214)	(41,717)
Purchase of treasury stock	--	--
Net (repayments) proceeds of borrowings (maturities of 90 days or less)	--	(445,711)
Proceeds of borrowings (maturities longer than 90 days)	--	744,615
Repayments of borrowings (maturities longer than 90 days)	(9,388)	(24,188)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>116,804</u>	<u>407,232</u>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and equivalents	(1,216)	63,941
Net change in cash and equivalents	<u>(88,940)</u>	<u>1,329,066</u>
Beginning balance of cash and equivalents	1,721,920	392,854
Ending balance of cash and equivalents	<u>\$ 1,632,980</u>	<u>\$ 1,721,920</u>

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DANAHER CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

SEGMENT INFORMATION

(\$ in millions, unaudited)

<u>Sales</u>	Three Months Ended		Year Ended	
	12/31/10	12/31/09	12/31/10	12/31/09
Test & Measurement	\$ 801.4	\$ 597.9	\$ 2,832.9	\$ 2,221.3
Environmental	751.7	699.6	2,738.0	2,418.7
Life Sciences & Diagnostics	681.9	432.1	2,298.3	1,484.9
Dental	521.5	489.0	1,824.6	1,657.0
Industrial Technologies	852.8	747.8	3,193.2	2,795.1
Businesses contributed to Apex JV attributable to periods prior to contribution	--	166.5	315.6	607.9
	<u>\$ 3,609.3</u>	<u>\$ 3,132.9</u>	<u>\$ 13,202.6</u>	<u>\$ 11,184.9</u>

Operating Profit

Test & Measurement	\$ 158.8	\$ 111.1	\$ 572.9	\$ 301.4
Environmental	166.3	127.1	564.3	471.0
Life Sciences & Diagnostics	89.6	54.3	227.9	179.6
Dental	63.2	23.7	203.3	215.9
Industrial Technologies	161.3	89.2	630.1	400.2
Businesses contributed to Apex joint venture:				
Attributable to periods prior to contribution	--	11.3	41.5	63.9
Equity method earnings subsequent to JV formation	12.2	--	22.8	--
Other	(24.9)	(23.0)	(96.4)	(89.6)
	<u>\$ 626.5</u>	<u>\$ 393.7</u>	<u>\$ 2,166.4</u>	<u>\$ 1,542.4</u>

Operating Margins

Test & Measurement	19.8%	18.6%	20.2%	13.6%
Environmental	22.1%	18.2%	20.6%	19.5%
Life Sciences & Diagnostics	13.1%	12.6%	9.9%	12.1%
Dental	12.1%	4.8%	11.1%	13.0%
Industrial Technologies	18.9%	11.9%	19.7%	14.3%
Total	17.4%	12.6%	16.4%	13.8%

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DANAHER CORPORATION

RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

(\$ in 000's except per share data)

	Three Months Ended			Year Ended		
	December 31, 2010	December 31, 2009	% Change	December 31, 2010	December 31, 2009	% Change
<u>Adjusted Net Earnings</u>						
Net Earnings (GAAP)	\$ 473,856	\$ 266,935	77.5%	\$ 1,793,000	\$ 1,151,704	55.7%
Acquisition-related transaction costs deemed significant (\$0 and \$8 million pre-tax for the three months and year ended December 31, 2010, respectively, and \$12 million and \$24 million pre-tax for the three months and year ended December 31, 2009, respectively), and fair value adjustments to acquisition related inventory and deferred revenue balances (\$8 million and \$54 million pre-tax for the three months and year ended December 31, 2010, respectively, and \$3 million and \$13 million pre-tax for the three months and year ended December 31, 2009, respectively) ("Acquisition Related Costs")	5,774	14,250		46,445	31,767	
Gain on contribution of assets to Apex joint venture (\$291 million pre-tax for year ended December 31, 2010) ("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")	(24,185)	-		(42,798)	(97,229)	
Gain on intellectual property litigation settlement with Align Technology, Inc (\$85 million pre-tax for the year ended December 31, 2009) ("Align Settlement Gain")	-	-		-	(53,412)	
Restructuring charges in excess of amounts originally budgeted for the applicable period (\$125 million and \$190 million pre-tax for the three months and year ended December 31, 2009, respectively) ("Additional Restructurings")	-	93,750		-	144,365	
<u>Adjusted Net Earnings (Non-GAAP)</u>	\$ 455,445	\$ 374,935	21.5%	\$ 1,564,447	\$ 1,177,195	32.9%

Adjusted Diluted Net Earnings Per Share

Net Earnings Per Diluted Share (GAAP)	\$	0.69	\$	0.40	72.5%	\$	2.64	\$	1.73	52.6%
Acquisition Related Costs		0.01		0.02			0.07		0.05	
Joint Venture Gain		-		-			(0.34)		-	
Income Tax Items		(0.03)		-			(0.06)		(0.15)	
Align Settlement Gain		-		-			-		(0.08)	
Additional Restructurings		-		0.14			-		0.22	
Adjusted Diluted Net Earnings Per Share (Non-GAAP)	\$	0.67	\$	0.56	19.6%	\$	2.31	\$	1.77	30.5%

Core Revenue Growth

<u>Components of Sales Growth</u>	Three Months Ended December 31, 2010 vs. Comparable		Year Ended December 31, 2010 vs. Comparable 2009	
	2009 Period		Period	
Core (non-GAAP)			13.0%	11.5%
Acquisitions (non-GAAP)			3.5%	7.0%
Impact of currency translation (non-GAAP)			-1.5%	-0.5%
Total Sales Growth (GAAP)			15.0%	18.0%

Free Cash Flow

	Year Ended December 31, 2010	
Operating Cash Flow (GAAP)	\$	2,084,351
Less: Purchases of Property, Plant & Equipment		(217,328)
Free Cash Flow (Non-GAAP)	\$	1,867,023

Adjusted Net Earnings and Adjusted Diluted Net Earnings Per Share

We disclose the non-GAAP measures of adjusted net earnings and adjusted diluted net earnings per share, which refer to GAAP net earnings and GAAP diluted net earnings per share, respectively, excluding the items identified in the reconciliation schedule above.

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 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 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) second half 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 second half 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 second half 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 second half 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 second half of 2010.

Free Cash Flow

We disclose the non-GAAP measure of free cash flow, defined above. This measure should be considered in addition to, and not as a replacement for or superior to, GAAP operating cash flow, and may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

Management believes that this measure provides useful information to investors by reflecting additional ways of viewing Danaher's operations that, when reconciled to GAAP operating cash flow, help our investors to better understand the strength of Danaher's earnings as well as Danaher's ability to generate cash without external financings, strengthen its balance sheet, invest in the business and grow the business through acquisitions and other strategic opportunities. A limitation of Danaher's free cash flow measure is that it does not take into account the Company's debt service requirements and other non-discretionary expenditures.

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