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Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

☒ QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 29, 2017

OR

☐ TRANSITION REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number: 1-8089

DANAHER CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

59-1995548

(State of Incorporation)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification number)

2200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 800W
Washington, D.C. 20037-1701

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 202-828-0850

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer ☒

Accelerated filer ☐

Non-accelerated filer ☐ (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company ☐

Emerging growth company ☐

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act) Yes ☐ No ☒

The number of shares of common stock outstanding at October 13, 2017 was 695,605,257.

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CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS

(\$ and shares in millions, except per share amount)

(unaudited)

	September 29, 2017	December 31, 2016
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and equivalents	\$ 648.6	\$ 963.7
Trade accounts receivable, net	3,254.6	3,186.1
Inventories:		
Finished goods	1,007.3	884.4
Work in process	325.1	299.4
Raw materials	559.9	525.6
Total inventories	1,892.3	1,709.4
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	464.7	805.9
Total current assets	6,260.2	6,665.1
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$2,373.3 and \$1,963.3, respectively	2,424.9	2,354.0
Other long-term assets	689.1	631.3
Goodwill	24,783.8	23,826.9
Other intangible assets, net	11,693.3	11,818.0
Total assets	\$ 45,851.3	\$ 45,295.3
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Notes payable and current portion of long-term debt	\$ 182.2	\$ 2,594.8
Trade accounts payable	1,501.8	1,485.0
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	2,703.5	2,794.2
Total current liabilities	4,387.5	6,874.0
Other long-term liabilities	5,356.4	5,670.3
Long-term debt	10,726.8	9,674.2
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock - \$0.01 par value, 2.0 billion shares authorized; 811.4 and 807.7 issued; 695.5 and 692.2 outstanding, respectively	8.1	8.1
Additional paid-in capital	5,472.0	5,312.9
Retained earnings	22,047.1	20,703.5
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(2,151.8)	(3,021.7)
Total Danaher stockholders' equity	25,375.4	23,002.8
Noncontrolling interests	5.2	74.0
Total stockholders' equity	25,380.6	23,076.8
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 45,851.3	\$ 45,295.3
See the accompanying Notes to the Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements.		

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DANAHER CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS

(\$ and shares in millions, except per share amounts)
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	Three-Month Period Ended		Nine-Month Period Ended	
	September 30, 2017	September 30, 2016	September 29, 2017	September 30, 2016
Sales	\$4,528.2	\$ 4,132.1	\$13,244.0	\$ 12,298.1
Cost of sales	(1,991.4)	(1,846.1)	(5,890.6)	(5,463.5)
Gross profit	2,536.8	2,286.0	7,353.4	6,834.6
Operating costs:				
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(1,490.1)	(1,345.8)	(4,448.4)	(4,105.2)
Research and development expenses	(279.2)	(241.1)	(829.9)	(707.1)
Operating profit	767.5	699.1	2,075.1	2,022.3
Nonoperating income (expense):				
Other income	—	—	—	223.4
Loss on early extinguishment of borrowings	—	(178.8)	—	(178.8)
Interest expense	(39.9)	(43.7)	(120.9)	(152.1)
Interest income	2.2	0.1	5.6	0.1
Earnings from continuing operations before income taxes	729.8	476.7	1,959.8	1,914.9
Income taxes	(157.7)	(74.1)	(346.6)	(508.5)
Net earnings from continuing operations	572.1	402.6	1,613.2	1,406.4
Earnings from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	—	(11.0)	22.3	400.3
Net earnings	\$572.1	\$ 391.6	\$1,635.5	\$ 1,806.7
Net earnings per share from continuing operations:				
Basic	\$0.82	\$ 0.58	\$2.32	\$ 2.04
Diluted	\$0.81	\$ 0.57	\$2.29	\$ 2.01
Net earnings per share from discontinued operations:				
Basic	\$—	\$ (0.02)	\$0.03	\$ 0.58
Diluted	\$—	\$ (0.02)	\$0.03	\$ 0.57
Net earnings per share:				
Basic	\$0.82	\$ 0.57	*\$2.35	\$ 2.62
Diluted	\$0.81	\$ 0.56	*\$2.32	\$ 2.59
Average common stock and common equivalent shares outstanding:				
Basic	696.2	692.2	695.3	690.6
Diluted	705.6	701.3	705.5	699.1

* Net earnings per share amounts do not add due to rounding.

See the accompanying Notes to the Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements.

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CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(\$ in millions)

(unaudited)

	Three-Month Period Ended		Nine-Month Period Ended	
	September 30, 2017	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2017	September 30, 2016
Net earnings	\$572.1	\$ 391.6	\$1,635.5	\$ 1,806.7
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of income taxes:				
Foreign currency translation adjustments	260.0	275.6	839.2	314.8
Pension and postretirement plan benefit adjustments	4.6	4.7	14.4	15.8
Unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale securities adjustments	(1.9)	8.8	16.3	(121.5)
Total other comprehensive income (loss), net of income taxes	262.7	289.1	869.9	209.1
Comprehensive income	\$834.8	\$ 680.7	\$2,505.4	\$ 2,015.8

See the accompanying Notes to the Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements.

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CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

(\$ and shares in millions)

(unaudited)

	Common Stock Shares	Amount	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Noncontrolling Interests
Balance, December 31, 2016	807.7	\$ 8.1	\$5,312.9	\$20,703.5	\$ (3,021.7)	\$ 74.0
Net earnings for the period	—	—	—	1,635.5	—	—
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	869.9	—
Dividends declared	—	—	—	(291.9)	—	—
Common stock-based award activity	3.7	—	159.3	—	—	—
Common stock issued in connection with LYONs' conversions, including tax benefit	—	—	1.0	—	—	—
Change in noncontrolling interests	—	—	(1.2)	—	—	(68.8)
Balance, September 29, 2017	811.4	\$ 8.1	\$5,472.0	\$22,047.1	\$ (2,151.8)	\$ 5.2

See the accompanying Notes to the Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements.

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DANAHER CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(\$ in millions)

(unaudited)

	Nine-Month Period Ended September 30, 2017 2016	
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net earnings	\$1,635.5	\$ 1,806.7
Less: earnings from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	22.3	400.3
Net earnings from continuing operations	1,613.2	1,406.4
Noncash items:		
Depreciation	427.3	395.9
Amortization	492.9	426.6
Stock-based compensation expense	104.8	96.3
Restructuring and impairment charges	49.3	—
Pretax loss on early extinguishment of borrowings	—	178.8
Pretax gain on sale of investments	—	(223.4)
Change in trade accounts receivable, net	74.6	(94.8)
Change in inventories	(98.2)	(138.5)
Change in trade accounts payable	(48.5)	(38.1)
Change in prepaid expenses and other assets	242.3	171.9
Change in accrued expenses and other liabilities	(214.6)	257.4
Total operating cash provided by continuing operations	2,643.1	2,438.5
Total operating cash provided by discontinued operations	—	434.3
Net cash provided by operating activities	2,643.1	2,872.8
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Cash paid for acquisitions	(112.0)	(99.6)
Payments for additions to property, plant and equipment	(445.8)	(422.1)
Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment	32.3	7.2
Proceeds from sale of investments	—	264.8
All other investing activities	(2.4)	—
Total investing cash used in continuing operations	(527.9)	(249.7)
Total investing cash used in discontinued operations	—	(69.8)
Net cash used in investing activities	(527.9)	(319.5)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from the issuance of common stock	49.0	156.6
Payment of dividends	(281.0)	(313.3)
Payment for purchase of noncontrolling interests	(64.4)	—
Make-whole premiums to redeem borrowings prior to maturity	—	(188.1)
Net repayments of borrowings (maturities of 90 days or less)	(3,319.1)	(2,334.2)
Proceeds from borrowings (maturities longer than 90 days)	1,684.0	3,240.9
Repayments of borrowings (maturities longer than 90 days)	(562.4)	(2,354.2)
All other financing activities	(50.7)	(26.7)
Total financing cash used in continuing operations	(2,544.6)	(1,819.0)
Cash distributions to Fortive, net	—	(485.3)
Net cash used in financing activities	(2,544.6)	(2,304.3)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and equivalents	114.3	(68.4)

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Net change in cash and equivalents	(315.1)	180.6
Beginning balance of cash and equivalents	963.7	790.8
Ending balance of cash and equivalents	\$648.6	\$ 971.4
Supplemental disclosures:		
Cash interest payments	\$117.4	\$ 199.4
Cash income tax payments	378.3	330.8
Distribution of noncash net assets to Fortive Corporation	—	(1,983.6)
See the accompanying Notes to the Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements.		

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DANAHER CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(unaudited)

NOTE 1. GENERAL

The consolidated condensed financial statements included herein have been prepared by Danaher Corporation (“Danaher” or the “Company”) without audit, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. In this quarterly report, the terms “Danaher” or the “Company” refer to Danaher Corporation, Danaher Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries or the consolidated subsidiaries of Danaher Corporation, as the context requires. Unless otherwise indicated, all amounts in this quarterly report refer to continuing operations. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations; however, the Company believes that the disclosures are adequate to make the information presented not misleading. The consolidated condensed financial statements included herein should be read in conjunction with the financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016 and the Notes thereto included in the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 19, 2017 and the 2016 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on February 22, 2017 (collectively, the “2016 Annual Report”).

In the opinion of the Company, the accompanying financial statements contain all adjustments (consisting of only normal recurring accruals) necessary to present fairly the financial position of the Company as of September 29, 2017 and December 31, 2016, its results of operations for the three and nine-month periods ended September 29, 2017 and September 30, 2016 and its cash flows for each of the nine-month periods then ended.

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)—The changes in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) by component are summarized below (\$ in millions). Foreign currency translation adjustments are generally not adjusted for income taxes as they relate to indefinite investments in non-U.S. subsidiaries.

	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustments	Pension & Postretirement Plan Benefit Adjustments	Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Available-For-Sale Securities Adjustments	Total
For the Three-Month Period Ended September 29, 2017:				
Balance, June 30, 2017	\$ (1,819.0)	\$ (632.4)	\$ 36.9	\$(2,414.5)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications:				
Increase (decrease)	260.0	—	(3.0)	257.0
Income tax impact	—	—	1.1	1.1
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications, net of income taxes	260.0	—	(1.9)	258.1
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss):				
Increase	—	7.0	(a)—	7.0
Income tax impact	—	(2.4)	—	(2.4)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of income taxes	—	4.6	—	4.6
Net current period other comprehensive income (loss), net of income taxes	260.0	4.6	(1.9)	262.7
Balance, September 29, 2017	\$ (1,559.0)	\$ (627.8)	\$ 35.0	\$(2,151.8)

(a) This accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) component is included in the computation of net periodic pension cost. Refer to Note 7 for additional details.

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	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustments	Pension & Postretirement Plan Benefit Adjustments	Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Available-For-Sale Securities Adjustments	Total
For the Three-Month Period Ended September 30, 2016:				
Balance, July 1, 2016	\$ (1,758.2)	\$ (636.2)	\$ 3.2	\$(2,391.2)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications:				
Increase	275.6	—	13.9	289.5
Income tax impact	—	—	(5.1)	(5.1)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications, net of income taxes	275.6	—	8.8	284.4
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss):				
Increase	—	7.2	(a)—	7.2
Income tax impact	—	(2.5)	—	(2.5)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of income taxes	—	4.7	—	4.7
Net current period other comprehensive income (loss), net of income taxes	275.6	4.7	8.8	289.1
Distribution of Fortive Corporation	(83.5)	63.3	(c)—	(20.2)
Balance, September 30, 2016	\$ (1,566.1)	\$ (568.2)	\$ 12.0	\$(2,122.3)
For the Nine-Month Period Ended September 29, 2017:				
Balance, December 31, 2016	\$ (2,398.2)	\$ (642.2)	\$ 18.7	\$(3,021.7)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications:				
Increase	839.2	—	26.1	865.3
Income tax impact	—	—	(9.8)	(9.8)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications, net of income taxes	839.2	—	16.3	855.5
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss):				
Increase	—	22.2	(a)—	22.2
Income tax impact	—	(7.8)	—	(7.8)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of income taxes	—	14.4	—	14.4
Net current period other comprehensive income (loss), net of income taxes	839.2	14.4	16.3	869.9
Balance, September 29, 2017	\$ (1,559.0)	\$ (627.8)	\$ 35.0	\$(2,151.8)
For the Nine-Month Period Ended September 30, 2016:				
Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ (1,797.4)	\$ (647.3)	\$ 133.5	\$(2,311.2)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications:				
Increase	314.8	—	28.8	343.6
Income tax impact	—	—	(10.7)	(10.7)
	314.8	—	18.1	332.9

Other comprehensive income (loss) before
reclassifications, net of income taxes

Amounts reclassified from accumulated other
comprehensive income (loss):

Increase (decrease)	—	23.6	(a)(223.4	) (b)(199.8	)
Income tax impact	—	(7.8	) 83.8	76.0	
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of income taxes	—	15.8	(139.6	) (123.8	)
Net current period other comprehensive income (loss), net of income taxes	314.8	15.8	(121.5	) 209.1	
Distribution of Fortive Corporation	(83.5	) 63.3	(c)—	(20.2	)
Balance, September 30, 2016	\$ (1,566.1	) \$ (568.2	) \$ 12.0	\$ (2,122.3)	

(a) This accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) component is included in the computation of net periodic pension cost. Refer to Note 7 for additional details.

(b) Included in other income in the accompanying Consolidated Condensed Statement of Earnings. Refer to Note 10 for additional details.

(c) This accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) component included an income tax impact of \$21 million.

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New Accounting Standards—In May 2017, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) No. 2017-09, Compensation—Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Scope of Modification Accounting, which provided clarity on which changes to the terms or conditions of share-based payment awards require an entity to apply the modification accounting provisions required in Topic 718. The standard is effective for all entities for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017, with early adoption permitted, including adoption in any interim period for which financial statements have not yet been issued. The Company does not expect the adoption of this ASU will have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In March 2017, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-07, Compensation—Retirement Benefits (Topic 715): Improving the Presentation of Net Periodic Pension Cost and Net Periodic Postretirement Benefit Cost, which requires employers to disaggregate the service cost component from other components of net periodic benefit costs and to disclose the amounts of net periodic benefit costs that are included in each income statement line item. The standard requires employers to report the service cost component in the same line item as other compensation costs and to report the other components of net periodic benefit costs (which include interest costs, expected return on plan assets, amortization of prior service cost or credits and actuarial gains and losses) separately and outside a subtotal of operating income. The income statement guidance requires application on a retrospective basis. The ASU is effective for public entities for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods, with early adoption permitted. The Company does not expect the adoption of this ASU will have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-13, Financial Instruments—Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments, which amends the impairment model by requiring entities to use a forward-looking approach based on expected losses to estimate credit losses on certain types of financial instruments, including trade receivables. The ASU is effective for public entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, with early adoption permitted. Management has not yet completed its assessment of the impact of the new standard on the Company’s consolidated financial statements.

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-09, Compensation—Stock Compensation (Topic 718), which simplifies several aspects of the accounting for share-based payment transactions, including the income tax consequences, classification of awards as either equity or liabilities, classification of certain items on the statement of cash flows and accounting for forfeitures. The Company has adopted this standard effective January 1, 2017. The ASU requires that the difference between the actual tax benefit realized upon exercise or vesting, as applicable, and the tax benefit recorded based on the fair value of the stock award at the time of grant (the “excess tax benefits”) be reflected as a reduction of the current period provision for income taxes with any shortfall recorded as an increase in the tax provision rather than as a component of changes to additional paid-in capital. The ASU also requires the excess tax benefit realized be reflected as operating cash flow rather than a financing cash flow. For the three and nine-month periods ended September 29, 2017, the provision for income taxes from continuing operations was reduced and operating cash flow from continuing operations was increased by \$7 million and \$40 million, respectively, reflecting the impact of adopting this standard. Had this ASU been adopted at January 1, 2016, the provision for income taxes from continuing operations would have been reduced and operating cash flow from continuing operations would have been increased by \$8 million and \$34 million from the amounts reported for the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2016, respectively. The actual benefit to be realized in future periods is inherently uncertain and will vary based on the price of the Company’s common stock as well as the timing of and relative value realized for future share-based transactions.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842), which requires lessees to recognize a right-of-use asset and a lease liability for all leases with terms greater than 12 months. The standard also requires disclosures by lessees and lessors about the amount, timing and uncertainty of cash flows arising from leases. The accounting applied by a lessor is largely unchanged from that applied under the current standard. The standard must be adopted using a modified retrospective transition approach and provides for certain practical expedients. The ASU is effective for public entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, with early adoption permitted. In September 2017, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-13, Revenue Recognition (Topic 605), Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606), Leases (Topic 840), and Leases (Topic 842), which provided additional implementation

guidance on the previously issued ASU. Management has not yet completed its assessment of the impact of the new standard on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-01, Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities. The ASU amends guidance on the classification and measurement of financial instruments, including significant revisions in accounting related to the classification and measurement of investments in equity securities and presentation of certain fair value changes for financial liabilities when the fair value option is elected. The ASU requires equity securities to be measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognized through net earnings and amends certain disclosure requirements associated with the fair value of financial instruments. The ASU is effective for the Company on January 1, 2018. In the period of adoption, the Company is required to reclassify the unrealized gains/losses on equity securities within accumulated

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other comprehensive income (loss) to retained earnings, which is not expected to be material to the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606), which supersedes nearly all existing revenue recognition guidance. The core principle of Topic 606 is that revenue should be recognized to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. In July 2015, the FASB deferred the effective date of the standard by one year which results in the new standard being effective for the Company at the beginning of its first quarter of fiscal year 2018. In addition, during March, April, May and December 2016 and September 2017, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-08, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Principal versus Agent Considerations (Reporting Revenue Gross versus Net), ASU No. 2016-10, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Identifying Performance Obligations and Licensing, ASU No. 2016-12, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Narrow-Scope Improvements and Practical Expedients, ASU No. 2016-20, Technical Corrections and Improvements to Topic 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, and ASU No. 2017-13, Revenue Recognition (Topic 605), Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606), Leases (Topic 840), and Leases (Topic 842), respectively, which clarified the guidance on certain items such as reporting revenue as a principal versus agent, identifying performance obligations, accounting for intellectual property licenses, assessing collectability, presentation of sales taxes, impairment testing for contract costs, disclosure of performance obligations, and provided additional implementation guidance. The Company plans to adopt the new standard on January 1, 2018. The Company has completed its initial assessment of the effect of adoption. Based on this assessment, the Company expects the impact of the new standard on the amount and timing of revenue recognition to be insignificant. The new standard will require certain costs, primarily sales-related commissions on contracts greater than one year in duration, to be capitalized rather than expensed currently. The new standard will also require additional disclosure about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows from customer contracts, including judgments and changes in judgments and assets recognized from costs incurred to obtain or fulfill a contract. The Company has identified, and is in the process of implementing, appropriate changes to its business processes, systems and controls to support recognition and disclosure under the new standard. The Company expects to use the modified retrospective method of adoption, reflecting the cumulative effect of initially applying the new standard to revenue recognition in the first quarter of 2018.

NOTE 2. ACQUISITIONS

For a description of the Company's acquisition activity for the year ended December 31, 2016 reference is made to the financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016 and Note 2 thereto included in the Company's 2016 Annual Report.

The Company continually evaluates potential acquisitions that either strategically fit with the Company's existing portfolio or expand the Company's portfolio into a new and attractive business area. The Company has completed a number of acquisitions that have been accounted for as purchases and have resulted in the recognition of goodwill in the Company's financial statements. This goodwill arises because the purchase prices for these businesses reflect a number of factors including the future earnings and cash flow potential of these businesses, the multiple to earnings, cash flow and other factors at which similar businesses have been purchased by other acquirers, the competitive nature of the processes by which the Company acquired the businesses, avoidance of the time and costs which would be required (and the associated risks that would be encountered) to enhance the Company's existing product offerings to key target markets and enter into new and profitable businesses, anticipated opportunities for synergies from the elimination of redundant facilities and staffing and use of each party's respective, existing commercial infrastructure to cost-effectively expand sales of the other party's products and services, and the complementary strategic fit and resulting synergies these businesses bring to existing operations.

The Company makes an initial allocation of the purchase price at the date of acquisition based upon its understanding of the fair value of the acquired assets and assumed liabilities. The Company obtains this information during due diligence and through other sources. In the months after closing, as the Company obtains additional information about these assets and liabilities, including through tangible and intangible asset appraisals, and learns more about the newly

acquired business, it is able to refine the estimates of fair value and more accurately allocate the purchase price. Only items identified as of the acquisition date are considered for subsequent adjustment. The Company is continuing to evaluate certain pre-acquisition contingencies associated with certain of its 2017 and 2016 acquisitions and is also in the process of obtaining valuations of certain property, plant and equipment, acquired intangible assets and certain acquisition-related liabilities in connection with these acquisitions. The Company will make appropriate adjustments to the purchase price allocation prior to completion of the measurement period, as required.

During the first nine months of 2017, the Company acquired five businesses for total consideration of \$112 million in cash, net of cash acquired. The businesses acquired complement existing units of the Life Sciences and Environmental & Applied Solutions segments. The aggregate annual sales of these five businesses at the time of their respective acquisitions, in each

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case based on the company's revenues for its last completed fiscal year prior to the acquisition, were approximately \$70 million. The Company preliminarily recorded an aggregate of \$73 million of goodwill related to these acquisitions.

The following summarizes the estimated fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition for all acquisitions consummated during the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017 (\$ in millions):

Trade accounts receivable	\$8.7
Inventories	13.2
Property, plant and equipment	4.9
Goodwill	73.2
Other intangible assets, primarily customer relationships, trade names and technology	52.5
Trade accounts payable	(4.1)
Other assets and liabilities, net	(36.4)
Net cash consideration	\$112.0

Acquisition of Noncontrolling Interest

In the first quarter of 2017, Danaher acquired the remaining noncontrolling interest associated with one of its prior business combinations for consideration of \$64 million. Danaher recorded the increase in ownership interests as a transaction within stockholders' equity. As a result of this transaction, noncontrolling interests were reduced by \$63 million reflecting the carrying value of the interest with the \$1 million difference charged to additional paid-in capital.

Pro Forma Financial Information

The unaudited pro forma information for the periods set forth below gives effect to the 2017 and 2016 acquisitions as if they had occurred as of January 1, 2016. The pro forma information is presented for informational purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of the results of operations that actually would have been achieved had the acquisitions been consummated as of that time (\$ in millions, except per share amounts):

	Three-Month Period Ended September 29, 2017		Nine-Month Period Ended September 30, 2017	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Sales	\$4,528.5	\$ 4,327.2	\$13,269.4	\$ 12,883.7
Net earnings from continuing operations	572.1	367.8	1,613.2	1,287.2
Diluted net earnings per share from continuing operations	0.81	0.53	2.29	1.84

In the nine-month period ended September 30, 2016, unaudited pro forma earnings set forth above were adjusted to include the \$23 million pretax impact of nonrecurring acquisition date fair value adjustments to inventory and deferred revenue primarily related to the 2016 acquisition of Cepheid.

NOTE 3. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

Fortive Corporation Separation

On July 2, 2016 (the "Distribution Date"), Danaher completed the separation (the "Separation") of Fortive Corporation ("Fortive"). For additional details on the Separation reference is made to the financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016 and Note 3 thereto included in the Company's 2016 Annual Report. The accounting requirements for reporting the Separation of Fortive as a discontinued operation were met when the Separation was completed. Accordingly, the accompanying consolidated condensed financial statements for all periods presented reflect this business as a discontinued operation.

In connection with the Separation, Danaher and Fortive entered into various agreements to effect the Separation and provide a framework for their relationship after the Separation, including a transition services agreement, an employee matters agreement, a tax matters agreement, an intellectual property matters agreement and a Danaher Business System ("DBS") license agreement. These agreements provide for the allocation between Danaher and Fortive of assets, employees, liabilities and obligations (including investments, property and employee benefits and tax-related assets and liabilities) attributable to periods prior to, at and after Fortive's separation from Danaher and govern certain relationships between Danaher and Fortive

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after the Separation. In addition, Danaher is party to various commercial agreements with Fortive entities. The amounts billed for transition services provided under the above agreements as well as commercial sales and purchases to and from Fortive were not material to the Company's results of operations for the three or nine-month periods ended September 29, 2017.

In the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017, Danaher recorded a \$22 million income tax benefit related to the release of previously provided reserves associated with uncertain tax positions on certain Danaher tax returns which were jointly filed with Fortive entities. These reserves were released due to the expiration of statutes of limitations for those returns. All Fortive entity-related balances were included in the income tax benefit related to discontinued operations.

The key components of income from discontinued operations for the three-month period ended September 30, 2016 and the nine-month periods ended September 29, 2017 and September 30, 2016 were as follows (\$ in millions):

	Three-Month Period Ended September 30, 2016	Nine-Month Period Ended September 30, 2017	Nine-Month Period Ended September 30, 2016
Sales	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 3,029.8
Cost of sales	—	—	(1,566.4)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(16.4)	—	(696.0)
Research and development expenses	—	—	(190.4)
Interest expense	—	—	(19.7)
Earnings from discontinued operations before income taxes	(16.4)	—	557.3
Income taxes	5.4	22.3	(157.0)
Earnings from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	\$ (11.0)	\$ 22.3	\$ 400.3

NOTE 4. GOODWILL

The following is a rollforward of the Company's goodwill (\$ in millions):

Balance, December 31, 2016	\$23,826.9
Attributable to 2017 acquisitions	73.2
Adjustments due to finalization of purchase price allocations	(71.3)
Foreign currency translation and other	955.0
Balance, September 29, 2017	\$24,783.8

The carrying value of goodwill by segment is summarized as follows (\$ in millions):

	September 29, 2017	December 31, 2016
Life Sciences	\$ 12,153.9	\$ 11,610.3
Diagnostics	7,049.0	6,903.0
Dental	3,341.1	3,215.6
Environmental & Applied Solutions	2,239.8	2,098.0
Total	\$ 24,783.8	\$ 23,826.9

The Company has not identified any "triggering" events which indicate a potential impairment of goodwill in the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017.

NOTE 5. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Accounting standards define fair value based on an exit price model, establish a framework for measuring fair value where the Company's assets and liabilities are required to be carried at fair value and provide for certain disclosures related to the valuation methods used within a valuation hierarchy as established within the accounting standards. This hierarchy prioritizes

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the inputs into three broad levels as follows. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level 2 inputs are quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active, or other observable characteristics for the asset or liability, including interest rates, yield curves and credit risks, or inputs that are derived principally from, or corroborated by, observable market data through correlation. Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs based on the Company's assumptions. A financial asset or liability's classification within the hierarchy is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

A summary of financial assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis were as follows (\$ in millions):

	Quoted Prices in Active Market (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
September 29, 2017:				
Assets:				
Available-for-sale securities	\$ 143.6	\$ 47.1	\$	—\$190.7
Liabilities:				
Deferred compensation plans	—	59.3	—	59.3

December 31, 2016:

Assets:				
Available-for-sale securities	\$ 117.8	\$ 52.3	\$	—\$170.1
Liabilities:				
Deferred compensation plans	—	52.2	—	52.2

Available-for-sale securities, which are included in other long-term assets in the accompanying Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets, are either measured at fair value using quoted market prices in an active market or if they are not traded on an active market are valued at quoted prices reported by investment brokers and dealers based on the underlying terms of the security and comparison to similar securities traded on an active market.

The Company has established nonqualified deferred compensation programs that permit officers, directors and certain management employees to defer a portion of their compensation, on a pretax basis, until at or after their termination of employment (or board service, as applicable). All amounts deferred under such plans are unfunded, unsecured obligations of the Company and are presented as a component of the Company's compensation and benefits accrual included in other long-term liabilities in the accompanying Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets. Participants may choose among alternative earning rates for the amounts they defer, which are primarily based on investment options within the Company's 401(k) program (except that the earnings rates for amounts deferred by the Company's directors and amounts contributed unilaterally by the Company are entirely based on changes in the value of the Company's common stock). Changes in the deferred compensation liability under these programs are recognized based on changes in the fair value of the participants' accounts, which are based on the applicable earnings rates.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The carrying amounts and fair values of the Company's financial instruments were as follows (\$ in millions):

	September 29, 2017		December 31, 2016	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
Assets:				
Available-for-sale securities	\$190.7	\$190.7	\$170.1	\$170.1
Liabilities:				
Notes payable and current portion of long-term debt	182.2	182.2	2,594.8	2,594.8
Long-term debt	10,726.8	11,181.4	9,674.2	10,095.1

As of September 29, 2017 and December 31, 2016, available-for-sale securities were categorized as Level 1 and Level 2, as indicated above, and short and long-term borrowings were categorized as Level 1.

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The fair value of long-term borrowings was based on quoted market prices. The difference between the fair value and the carrying amounts of long-term borrowings (other than the Company's Liquid Yield Option Notes due 2021 (the "LYONs")) is attributable to changes in market interest rates and/or the Company's credit ratings subsequent to the incurrence of the borrowing. In the case of the LYONs, differences in the fair value from the carrying value are attributable to changes in the price of the Company's common stock due to the LYONs' conversion features. The fair values of borrowings with original maturities of one year or less, as well as cash and cash equivalents, trade accounts receivable, net and trade accounts payable approximate their carrying amounts due to the short-term maturities of these instruments.

NOTE 6. FINANCING

As of September 29, 2017, the Company was in compliance with all of its debt covenants. The components of the Company's debt were as follows (\$ in millions):

	September 29, 2017	December 31, 2016
U.S. dollar-denominated commercial paper	\$ 190.0	\$ 2,733.5
Euro-denominated commercial paper (€2.3 billion and €3.0 billion, respectively)	2,692.1	3,127.6
Floating rate senior unsecured notes due 2017 (€500.0 million aggregate principal amount) (the "2017 Euronotes")	—	526.0
0.0% senior unsecured bonds due 2017 (CHF 100.0 million aggregate principal amount) (the "2017 CHF Bonds")	103.1	98.0
1.65% senior unsecured notes due 2018	499.0	498.1
1.0% senior unsecured notes due 2019 (€600.0 million aggregate principal amount) (the "2019 Euronotes")	706.9	628.6
2.4% senior unsecured notes due 2020	497.5	496.8
5.0% senior unsecured notes due 2020	398.5	402.6
Zero-coupon Liquid Yield Option Notes (LYONs) due 2021	68.7	68.1
0.352% senior unsecured notes due 2021 (¥30.0 billion aggregate principal amount) (the "2021 Yen Notes")	265.7	255.6
1.7% senior unsecured notes due 2022 (€800.0 million aggregate principal amount) (the "2022 Euronotes")	940.5	836.5
Floating rate senior unsecured notes due 2022 (€250.0 million aggregate principal amount) (the "Floating Rate 2022 Euronotes")	294.4	—
0.5% senior unsecured bonds due 2023 (CHF 540.0 million aggregate principal amount) (the "2023 CHF Bonds")	559.6	532.3
2.5% senior unsecured notes due 2025 (€800.0 million aggregate principal amount) (the "2025 Euronotes")	940.5	836.8
3.35% senior unsecured notes due 2025	496.2	495.8
0.3% senior unsecured notes due 2027 (¥30.8 billion aggregate principal amount) (the "2027 Yen Notes")	272.5	—
1.2% senior unsecured notes due 2027 (€600.0 million aggregate principal amount) (the "2027 Euronotes")	702.8	—
1.125% senior unsecured bonds due 2028 (CHF 110.0 million aggregate principal amount) (the "2028 CHF Bonds")	114.4	108.8
0.65% senior unsecured notes due 2032 (¥53.2 billion aggregate principal amount) (the "2032 Yen Notes")	470.6	—
4.375% senior unsecured notes due 2045	499.3	499.3
Other	196.7	124.6
Total debt	10,909.0	12,269.0
Less: currently payable	182.2	2,594.8

Long-term debt

\$ 10,726.8 \$ 9,674.2

For additional details regarding the Company's debt financing, reference is made to Note 9 of the Company's financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016 included in the Company's 2016 Annual Report.

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The Company satisfies any short-term liquidity needs that are not met through operating cash flow and available cash primarily through issuances of commercial paper under its U.S. dollar and euro-denominated commercial paper programs. Credit support for the commercial paper programs is generally provided by the Company's \$4.0 billion unsecured, multi-year revolving credit facility with a syndicate of banks that expires on July 10, 2020 (the "Credit Facility"), which can also be used for working capital and other general corporate purposes. In October 2016, the Company expanded its borrowing capacity by entering into a \$3.0 billion 364-day unsecured revolving credit facility with a syndicate of banks that expires on October 23, 2017 (the "364-Day Facility" and together with the Credit Facility, the "Credit Facilities"), to provide additional liquidity support for issuances under the Company's U.S. dollar and euro-denominated commercial paper programs.

Effective April 21, 2017, the Company reduced the commitment amount under the 364-Day Facility from \$3.0 billion to \$2.3 billion, and effective June 23, 2017, the Company further reduced the commitment amount under the facility to \$1.0 billion, as permitted by the facility. As of September 29, 2017, no borrowings were outstanding under the Credit Facilities, and the Company was in compliance with all covenants thereunder. In addition to the Credit Facilities, the Company has also entered into reimbursement agreements with various commercial banks to support the issuance of letters of credit.

As of September 29, 2017, borrowings outstanding under the Company's U.S. dollar and euro-denominated commercial paper programs had a weighted average annual interest rate of negative 0.2% and a weighted average remaining maturity of approximately 64 days.

The Company has classified approximately \$2.9 billion of its borrowings outstanding under the commercial paper programs as of September 29, 2017 as long-term debt in the accompanying Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheet as the Company had the intent and ability, as supported by availability under the Credit Facility, to refinance these borrowings for at least one year from the balance sheet date.

Debt discounts, premiums and debt issuance costs totaled \$31 million and \$25 million as of September 29, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively, and have been netted against the aggregate principal amounts of the related debt in the components of debt table above.

2017 Long-Term Debt Issuances

On May 11, 2017, DH Japan Finance S.A. ("Danaher Japan"), a wholly-owned finance subsidiary of the Company, completed the private placement of ¥30.8 billion aggregate principal amount of 0.3% senior unsecured notes due May 11, 2027 (the "2027 Yen Notes") and ¥53.2 billion aggregate principal amount of 0.65% senior unsecured notes due May 11, 2032 (the "2032 Yen Notes" and together with the 2027 Yen Notes, the "Yen Notes"). The Yen Notes were issued at 100% of their principal amount.

The Yen Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the Company. The Company received net proceeds, after offering expenses, of approximately ¥83.6 billion (approximately \$744 million based on currency exchange rates as of the date of the pricing of the notes) and used the net proceeds from the offering to partially repay commercial paper borrowings. Interest on the Yen Notes is payable semiannually in arrears on May 11 and November 11 of each year, commencing on November 11, 2017.

On June 30, 2017, DH Europe Finance S.A. ("Danaher International"), a wholly-owned finance subsidiary of the Company, completed the underwritten public offering of €250 million aggregate principal amount of floating rate, senior unsecured notes due 2022 (the "2022 Floating Rate Euronotes") and €600 million aggregate principal amount of 1.2% senior unsecured notes due 2027 (the "2027 Euronotes" and together with the 2022 Floating Rate Euronotes, the "Euronotes"). The 2022 Floating Rate Euronotes were issued at 100.147% of their principal amount, will mature on June 30, 2022 and bear interest at a floating rate equal to three-month EURIBOR plus 0.3% per year (provided that the minimum interest rate is zero). The 2027 Euronotes were issued at 99.682% of their principal amount, will mature on June 30, 2027 and bear interest at the rate of 1.2% per year.

The Euronotes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the Company. The Company received net proceeds, after underwriting discounts and commissions and offering expenses, of €843 million (approximately \$940 million based on currency exchange rates as of the date of the pricing of the notes) and used the net proceeds from the offering to repay the €500 million aggregate principal amount of floating rate senior unsecured notes which matured on June 30, 2017 as well as to repay commercial paper borrowings. Interest on the 2022 Floating Rate Euronotes is payable quarterly in

arrears on March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31 of each year, commencing on September 30, 2017. Interest on the 2027 Euronotes is payable annually in arrears on June 30 of each year, commencing on June 30, 2018. The note purchase agreement under which the Yen Notes were issued, and the indenture under which the Euronotes were issued, each contain customary covenants, all of which the Company was in compliance with as of September 29, 2017.

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If a change of control triggering event occurs with respect to the Euronotes or the Yen Notes, each holder of such notes may require the Company to repurchase some or all of its notes at a purchase price equal to 101% (in the case of the Euronotes) or 100% (in the case of the Yen Notes) of the principal amount of the notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest (and in the case of the Yen Notes, certain swap-related losses as applicable). A change of control triggering event means the occurrence of both a change of control and a rating event, each as defined in the applicable indenture or note purchase agreement. Each holder of the Yen Notes may also require the Company to repurchase some or all of its notes at a purchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest and certain swap-related losses as applicable, in certain circumstances whereby such holder comes into violation of economic sanctions laws as a result of holding such notes.

At any time and from time to time prior to March 30, 2027 (three months prior to the maturity date of the 2027 Notes), the Company may redeem the 2027 Notes, in whole or in part, by paying the principal amount and a “make-whole” premium, plus accrued and unpaid interest. In addition, on or after March 30, 2027, the Company will have the right, at its option, to redeem the 2027 Notes, in whole or in part, at any time and from time to time, by paying the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest. At any time and from time to time, the Company may redeem the Yen Notes, in whole or in part, by paying the principal amount and a “make-whole” premium, plus accrued and unpaid interest and net of certain swap-related gains or losses as applicable. The Company may also redeem the Euronotes and the Yen Notes upon the occurrence of specified, adverse changes in tax laws, or interpretations under such laws, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of the notes to be redeemed.

2017 Long-Term Debt Repayments

The €500 million aggregate principal amount of floating rate senior unsecured notes due in 2017 were repaid upon their maturity in June 2017.

Guarantors of Debt

Danaher has guaranteed long-term debt and commercial paper issued by certain of its wholly-owned subsidiaries. The 2017 Euronotes, 2019 Euronotes, 2022 Euronotes, 2022 Floating Rate Euronotes, 2025 Euronotes and 2027 Euronotes were issued by Danaher International. The 2017 CHF Bonds, 2023 CHF Bonds and 2028 CHF Bonds were issued by DH Switzerland Finance S.A. (“Danaher Switzerland”), a wholly-owned finance subsidiary of the Company. The 2021 Yen Notes, 2027 Yen Notes and 2032 Yen Notes were issued by Danaher Japan. All securities issued by each of Danaher International, Danaher Switzerland and Danaher Japan are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the Company and these guarantees rank on parity with the Company’s unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness.

LYONs Redemption

During the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017, holders of certain of the Company’s LYONs converted such LYONs into an aggregate of approximately 27 thousand shares of the Company’s common stock, par value \$0.01 per share. The Company’s deferred tax liability associated with the book and tax basis difference in the converted LYONs was transferred to additional paid-in capital as a result of the conversions.

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The following sets forth the components of the Company's net periodic benefit cost of the noncontributory defined benefit pension plans (\$ in millions):

	Three-Month Period Ended September 29, 2017		September 30, 2016		Nine-Month Period Ended September 29, 2017		September 30, 2016	
U.S. Pension Benefits:								
Service cost	\$ 1.9		\$ 2.2		\$ 5.7		\$ 6.8	
Interest cost	20.1		22.3		62.1		67.7	
Expected return on plan assets	(32.4)		(33.0)	)	(98.2)		(99.6)	)
Amortization of actuarial loss	5.9		6.3		19.1		18.3	
Curtailment gain recognized	—		—		—		(0.7)	)
Net periodic pension cost	\$ (4.5)		\$ (2.2)	)	\$ (11.3)		\$ (7.5)	)

Non-U.S. Pension Benefits:

Service cost	\$ 8.1		\$ 9.0		\$ 23.7		\$ 26.9	
Interest cost	6.7		8.4		19.5		25.8	
Expected return on plan assets	(10.8)		(9.9)	)	(31.5)		(30.8)	)
Amortization of actuarial loss	2.0		1.9		5.8		8.5	
Amortization of prior service credit	(0.1)		(0.1)	)	(0.3)		(0.3)	)
Settlement loss recognized	—		—		—		0.1	
Net periodic pension cost	\$ 5.9		\$ 9.3		\$ 17.2		\$ 30.2	

The following sets forth the components of the Company's net periodic benefit cost of the other postretirement employee benefit plans (\$ in millions):

	Three-Month Period Ended September 29, 2017		September 30, 2016		Nine-Month Period Ended September 29, 2017		September 30, 2016	
Service cost	\$ 0.1		\$ 0.2		\$ 0.5		\$ 0.6	
Interest cost	1.1		1.4		3.7		4.2	
Amortization of actuarial (gain) loss	—		(0.1)	)	—		0.1	
Amortization of prior service credit	(0.8)		(0.8)	)	(2.4)		(2.4)	)
Net periodic benefit cost	\$ 0.4		\$ 0.7		\$ 1.8		\$ 2.5	

Net periodic pension and benefit costs are included in cost of sales and selling, general and administrative expenses in the accompanying Consolidated Condensed Statements of Earnings.

Employer Contributions

During 2017, the Company's cash contribution requirements for its U.S. and non-U.S. defined benefit pension plans are expected to be approximately \$55 million and \$40 million, respectively. The ultimate amounts to be contributed depend upon, among other things, legal requirements, underlying asset returns, the plan's funded status, the anticipated tax deductibility of the contribution, local practices, market conditions, interest rates and other factors.

NOTE 8. INCOME TAXES

The Company's effective tax rate from continuing operations for the three and nine-month periods ended September 29, 2017 was 21.6% and 17.7%, respectively, as compared to 15.5% and 26.6% for the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2016, respectively.

The Company's effective tax rate for 2017 and 2016 differs from the U.S. federal statutory rate of 35.0% due principally to the Company's earnings outside the United States that are indefinitely reinvested and taxed at rates lower than the U.S. federal

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statutory rate. The effective tax rate for the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017 includes a benefit from the release of reserves upon the expiration of statutes of limitations and audit settlements, excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation, as well as higher tax benefits from restructuring charges that are predominantly in the United States, which in aggregate decreased the reported tax rate by 3.3%. The effective tax rate for the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2016 includes a higher tax rate associated with the loss on the early extinguishment of borrowings during the third quarter of 2016 which lowered the effective tax rate by 6.0% and 1.0%, respectively. The effective tax rate for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2016 also includes charges related to the repatriation of earnings and legal entity realignments associated with the Separation and higher tax rate on the gain from sale of marketable equity securities which in aggregate increased the effective tax rate by 6.6%. Tax authorities in Denmark have raised significant issues related to interest accrued by certain of the Company's subsidiaries. On December 10, 2013, the Company received assessments from the Danish tax authority ("SKAT") totaling approximately DKK 1.5 billion including interest through September 29, 2017 (approximately \$235 million based on the exchange rate as of September 29, 2017), imposing withholding tax relating to interest accrued in Denmark on borrowings from certain of the Company's subsidiaries for the years 2004-2009. The Company is currently in discussions with SKAT and anticipates receiving an assessment for years 2010-2012 totaling approximately DKK 874 million including interest through September 29, 2017 (approximately \$139 million based on the exchange rate as of September 29, 2017). Management believes the positions the Company has taken in Denmark are in accordance with the relevant tax laws and is vigorously defending its positions. The Company appealed these assessments to the National Tax Tribunal in 2014 and intends on pursuing this matter through the European Court of Justice should this appeal be unsuccessful. The ultimate resolution of this matter is uncertain, could take many years, and could result in a material adverse impact to the Company's financial statements, including its effective tax rate.

NOTE 9. STOCK TRANSACTIONS AND STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

Neither the Company nor any "affiliated purchaser" repurchased any shares of Company common stock during the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017. On July 16, 2013, the Company's Board of Directors approved a repurchase program (the "Repurchase Program") authorizing the repurchase of up to 20 million shares of the Company's common stock from time to time on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. As of September 29, 2017, 20 million shares remained available for repurchase pursuant to the Repurchase Program.

For a full description of the Company's stock-based compensation programs, reference is made to Note 17 of the Company's financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016 included in the Company's 2016 Annual Report. As of September 29, 2017, approximately 72 million shares of the Company's common stock were reserved for issuance under the 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan.

The following summarizes the components of the Company's stock-based compensation expense (\$ in millions):

	Three-Month Period Ended September 29, 2017		Nine-Month Period Ended September 30, 2016	
Restricted stock units ("RSUs")/performance stock units ("PSUs"):				
Pretax compensation expense	\$21.9	\$ 21.1	\$67.6	\$ 65.0
Income tax benefit	(6.6)	(6.2)	(20.7)	(19.1)
RSU/PSU expense, net of income taxes	15.3	14.9	46.9	45.9
Stock options:				
Pretax compensation expense	11.5	10.3	37.2	31.3
Income tax benefit	(3.6)	(3.2)	(11.8)	(9.7)
Stock option expense, net of income taxes	7.9	7.1	25.4	21.6
Total stock-based compensation:				
Pretax compensation expense	33.4	31.4	104.8	96.3
Income tax benefit	(10.2)	(9.4)	(32.5)	(28.8)
Total stock-based compensation expense, net of income taxes	\$23.2	\$ 22.0	\$72.3	\$ 67.5

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Stock-based compensation has been recognized as a component of selling, general and administrative expenses in the accompanying Consolidated Condensed Statements of Earnings. As of September 29, 2017, \$153 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to RSUs/PSUs is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately two years. As of September 29, 2017, \$129 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to stock options is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately three years. Future compensation amounts will be adjusted for any changes in estimated forfeitures.

The Company realized a tax benefit of \$15 million and \$64 million in the three and nine-month periods ended September 29, 2017, respectively, related to the exercise of employee stock options and vesting of RSUs. As a result of the adoption of ASU 2016-09, Compensation—Stock Compensation, the excess tax benefit of \$7 million and \$40 million for the three and nine-month periods ended September 29, 2017, respectively, has been recorded as a reduction to the current income tax provision and is reflected as an operating cash inflow in the accompanying Consolidated Condensed Statement of Cash Flows. Prior to the adoption of ASU 2016-09, the excess tax benefit was recorded as an increase to additional paid-in capital and was reflected as a financing cash flow.

NOTE 10. NONOPERATING INCOME (EXPENSE)

The Company received \$265 million of cash proceeds from the sale of marketable equity securities during the first quarter of 2016. The Company recorded a pretax gain related to this sale of \$223 million (\$140 million after-tax or \$0.20 per diluted share) during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2016.

In the third quarter of 2016, the Company redeemed approximately \$1.9 billion in aggregate principal amount of outstanding indebtedness and paid an aggregate of \$188 million in make-whole premiums in connection with those redemptions, plus accrued and unpaid interest. The payment of these make-whole premiums, net of certain deferred gains of \$9 million, are reflected as a loss on early extinguishment of borrowings in the accompanying Consolidated Condensed Statement of Earnings of \$179 million (\$112 million after-tax or 0.16 per diluted share) in the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2016.

NOTE 11. RESTRUCTURING

For additional details regarding the Company's restructuring activities, reference is made to Note 14 of the Company's financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016 included in the Company's 2016 Annual Report. During the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017, the Company made the strategic decision to discontinue a molecular diagnostic product line in its Diagnostics segment. As a result, the Company recorded \$76 million of pretax restructuring, impairment and other related charges (\$51 million after-tax or \$0.07 per diluted share). These charges included \$49 million of noncash charges for the impairment of certain technology-related intangible assets as well as related inventory and property, plant and equipment with no further use. In addition, the Company incurred \$27 million of cash restructuring costs primarily related to employee severance and related charges. Substantially all restructuring activities related to this discontinued product line were completed in the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017.

The restructuring, impairment and other related charges incurred during the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017 related to the discontinued product line in the Diagnostics segment are reflected in the following captions in the accompanying Consolidated Condensed Statement of Earnings (\$ in millions):

Cost of sales	\$20.7
Selling, general and administrative expenses	55.2
Total	\$75.9

NOTE 12. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

For a description of the Company's litigation and contingencies, reference is made to Note 16 of the Company's financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016 included in the Company's 2016 Annual Report. The Company generally accrues estimated warranty costs at the time of sale. In general, manufactured products are warranted against defects in material and workmanship when properly used for their intended purpose, installed correctly, and appropriately maintained. Warranty period terms depend on the nature of the product and range from 90

days up to the life of the product. The amount of the accrued warranty liability is determined based on historical information such as past experience, product failure rates or number of units repaired, estimated cost of material and labor, and in certain instances

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estimated property damage. The accrued warranty liability is reviewed on a quarterly basis and may be adjusted as additional information regarding expected warranty costs becomes known.

The following is a rollforward of the Company's accrued warranty liability (\$ in millions):

Balance, December 31, 2016	\$75.8
Accruals for warranties issued during the period	36.0
Settlements made	(42.0)
Additions due to acquisitions	1.3
Effect of foreign currency translation	3.4
Balance, September 29, 2017	\$74.5

NOTE 13. NET EARNINGS PER SHARE FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS

Basic net earnings per share ("EPS") from continuing operations is calculated by dividing net earnings from continuing operations by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the applicable period. Diluted net EPS from continuing operations is computed based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding increased by the number of additional shares that would have been outstanding had the potentially dilutive common shares been issued and reduced by the number of shares the Company could have repurchased with the proceeds from the issuance of the potentially dilutive shares. For the three and nine-month periods ended September 29, 2017, approximately four million options to purchase shares were not included in the diluted EPS from continuing operations calculation as the impact of their inclusion would have been anti-dilutive. For both the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2016 there were no anti-dilutive options to purchase shares excluded from the diluted EPS from continuing operations calculation.

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Information related to the calculation of net earnings per share from continuing operations is summarized as follows (\$ and shares in millions, except per share amounts):

	Net Earnings from Continuing Operations (Numerator)	Shares (Denominator)	Per Share Amount
For the Three-Month Period Ended September 29, 2017:			
Basic EPS	\$ 572.1	696.2	\$ 0.82
Adjustment for interest on convertible debentures	0.6	—	
Incremental shares from assumed exercise of dilutive options and vesting of dilutive RSUs and PSUs	—	6.5	
Incremental shares from assumed conversion of the convertible debentures	—	2.9	
Diluted EPS	\$ 572.7	705.6	\$ 0.81
For the Three-Month Period Ended September 30, 2016:			
Basic EPS	\$ 402.6	692.2	\$ 0.58
Adjustment for interest on convertible debentures	0.5	—	
Incremental shares from assumed exercise of dilutive options and vesting of dilutive RSUs and PSUs	—	6.2	
Incremental shares from assumed conversion of the convertible debentures	—	2.9	
Diluted EPS	\$ 403.1	701.3	\$ 0.57
For the Nine-Month Period Ended September 29, 2017:			
Basic EPS	\$ 1,613.2	695.3	\$ 2.32
Adjustment for interest on convertible debentures	1.6	—	
Incremental shares from assumed exercise of dilutive options and vesting of dilutive RSUs and PSUs	—	7.3	
Incremental shares from assumed conversion of the convertible debentures	—	2.9	
Diluted EPS	\$ 1,614.8	705.5	\$ 2.29
For the Nine-Month Period Ended September 30, 2016:			
Basic EPS	\$ 1,406.4	690.6	\$ 2.04
Adjustment for interest on convertible debentures	1.4	—	
Incremental shares from assumed exercise of dilutive options and vesting of dilutive RSUs and PSUs	—	6.0	
Incremental shares from assumed conversion of the convertible debentures	—	2.5	
Diluted EPS	\$ 1,407.8	699.1	\$ 2.01

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NOTE 14. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Company operates and reports its results in four separate business segments consisting of the Life Sciences, Diagnostics, Dental and Environmental & Applied Solutions segments. When determining the reportable segments, the Company aggregated operating segments based on their similar economic and operating characteristics. Operating profit represents total revenues less operating expenses, excluding nonoperating income and expense, interest and income taxes. Intersegment amounts are not significant and are eliminated to arrive at consolidated totals. Operating profit amounts in the Other segment consist of unallocated corporate costs and other costs not considered part of management's evaluation of reportable segment operating performance. There has been no material change in total assets or liabilities by segment since December 31, 2016.

Segment results are shown below (\$ in millions):

	Three-Month Period Ended September 30,		Nine-Month Period Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Sales:				
Life Sciences	\$1,392.6	\$ 1,325.4	\$4,085.0	\$ 3,911.8
Diagnostics	1,448.7	1,212.7	4,216.0	3,606.5
Dental	694.0	675.6	2,052.1	2,046.1
Environmental & Applied Solutions	992.9	918.4	2,890.9	2,733.7
Total	\$4,528.2	\$ 4,132.1	\$13,244.0	\$ 12,298.1
Operating profit:				
Life Sciences	\$246.8	\$ 204.7	\$680.0	\$ 574.1
Diagnostics	242.7	193.9	554.9	606.3
Dental	102.2	101.3	301.4	305.6
Environmental & Applied Solutions	222.8	223.4	666.0	640.1
Other	(47.0)	(24.2)	(127.2)	(103.8)
Total	\$767.5	\$ 699.1	\$2,075.1	\$ 2,022.3

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations (“MD&A”) is designed to provide a reader of Danaher Corporation’s (“Danaher,” the “Company,” “we,” “us” or “our”) financial statements with a narrative from the perspective of Company management. The Company’s MD&A is divided into four sections:

Information Relating to Forward-Looking Statements

Overview

Results of Operations

Liquidity and Capital Resources

You should read this discussion along with the Company’s MD&A and audited financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016 and Notes thereto, included in the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 19, 2017 and the 2016 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on February 22, 2017 (collectively, the “2016 Annual Report”) and the Company’s Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements and related Notes as of and for the three and nine-month periods ended September 29, 2017 included in this Report.

Unless otherwise indicated, all financial results in this report refer to continuing operations.

INFORMATION RELATING TO FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements included or incorporated by reference in this quarterly report, in other documents we file with or furnish to the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”), in our press releases, webcasts, conference calls, materials delivered to shareholders and other communications, are “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the United States federal securities laws. All statements other than historical factual information are forward-looking statements, including without limitation statements regarding: projections of revenue, expenses, profit, profit margins, tax rates, tax provisions, cash flows, pension and benefit obligations and funding requirements, our liquidity position or other projected financial measures; management’s plans and strategies for future operations, including statements relating to anticipated operating performance, cost reductions, restructuring activities, new product and service developments, competitive strengths or market position, acquisitions and the integration thereof, divestitures, spin-offs, split-offs or other distributions, strategic opportunities, securities offerings, stock repurchases, dividends and executive compensation; growth, declines and other trends in markets we sell into; new or modified laws, regulations and accounting pronouncements; regulatory approvals; outstanding claims, legal proceedings, tax audits and assessments and other contingent liabilities; foreign currency exchange rates and fluctuations in those rates; general economic and capital markets conditions; the timing of any of the foregoing; assumptions underlying any of the foregoing; and any other statements that address events or developments that Danaher intends or believes will or may occur in the future. Terminology such as “believe,” “anticipate,” “should,” “could,” “intend,” “will,” “plan,” “expect,” “estimate,” “project,” “target,” “possible,” “potential,” “forecast” and “positioned” and similar references to future periods are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements are accompanied by such words.

Forward-looking statements are based on assumptions and assessments made by our management in light of their experience and perceptions of historical trends, current conditions, expected future developments and other factors they believe to be appropriate. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results may differ materially from the results, developments and business decisions contemplated by our forward-looking statements. Accordingly, you should not place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those envisaged in the forward-looking statements include the following:

- Conditions in the global economy, the markets we serve and the financial markets may adversely affect our business and financial statements.

- Our growth could suffer if the markets into which we sell our products and services (references to products and services in this report also include software) decline, do not grow as anticipated or experience cyclicality.

- We face intense competition and if we are unable to compete effectively, we may experience decreased demand and decreased market share. Even if we compete effectively, we may be required to reduce prices for our products and services.

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Our growth depends in part on the timely development and commercialization, and customer acceptance, of new and enhanced products and services based on technological innovation.

Our reputation, ability to do business and financial statements may be impaired by improper conduct by any of our employees, agents or business partners.

Certain of our businesses are subject to extensive regulation by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and by comparable agencies of other countries, as well as laws regulating fraud and abuse in the health care industry and the privacy and security of health information. Failure to comply with those regulations could adversely affect our reputation and financial statements.

The health care industry and related industries that we serve have undergone, and are in the process of undergoing, significant changes in an effort to reduce costs, which could adversely affect our financial statements.

Any inability to consummate acquisitions at our historical rate and at appropriate prices could negatively impact our growth rate and stock price.

Our acquisition of businesses (including our recent acquisitions of Pall and Cepheid), joint ventures and strategic relationships could negatively impact our financial statements.

The indemnification provisions of acquisition agreements by which we have acquired companies may not fully protect us and as a result we may face unexpected liabilities.

Divestitures and other dispositions could negatively impact our business, and contingent liabilities from businesses that we have disposed could adversely affect our financial statements.

We could incur significant liability if the 2016 spin-off of Fortive or the 2015 split-off of our communications business is determined to be a taxable transaction.

Potential indemnification liabilities related to the 2016 spin-off of Fortive and the 2015 split-off of our communications business could materially and adversely affect our business and financial statements.

A significant disruption in, or breach in security of, our information technology systems or the systems of third-parties on which we rely or violation of data privacy laws could adversely affect our business, reputation and financial statements.

Our operations, products and services expose us to the risk of environmental, health and safety liabilities, costs and violations that could adversely affect our reputation and financial statements.

Our businesses are subject to extensive regulation; failure to comply with those regulations could adversely affect our business, reputation, and financial statements.

Our restructuring actions could have long-term adverse effects on our business.

We may be required to recognize impairment charges for our goodwill and other intangible assets.

Foreign currency exchange rates may adversely affect our financial statements.

Changes in our tax rates or exposure to additional income tax liabilities or assessments could affect our profitability. In addition, audits by tax authorities could result in additional tax payments for prior periods.

Changes in tax law relating to multinational corporations could adversely affect our tax position.

We are subject to a variety of litigation and other legal and regulatory proceedings in the course of our business that could adversely affect our business and financial statements.

If we do not or cannot adequately protect our intellectual property, or if third parties infringe our intellectual property rights, we may suffer competitive injury or expend significant resources enforcing our rights.

Third parties may claim that we are infringing or misappropriating their intellectual property rights and we could suffer significant litigation expenses, losses or licensing expenses or be prevented from selling products or services.

The United States government has certain rights to use and disclose some of the intellectual property that we license and could exclusively license it to a third-party if we fail to achieve practical application of the intellectual property.

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Defects and unanticipated use or inadequate disclosure with respect to our products or services could adversely affect our business, reputation and financial statements.

The manufacture of many of our products is a highly exacting and complex process, and if we directly or indirectly encounter problems manufacturing products, our business, reputation, and financial statements could suffer.

Our indebtedness may limit our operations and our use of our cash flow, and any failure to comply with the covenants that apply to our indebtedness could adversely affect our liquidity and financial statements.

Adverse changes in our relationships with, or the financial condition, performance, purchasing patterns or inventory levels of, key distributors and other channel partners could adversely affect our financial statements.

Certain of our businesses rely on relationships with collaborative partners and other third-parties for development, supply and marketing of certain products and potential products, and such collaborative partners or other third-parties could fail to perform sufficiently.

Our financial results are subject to fluctuations in the cost and availability of commodities that we use in our operations.

If we cannot adjust our manufacturing capacity or the purchases required for our manufacturing activities to reflect changes in market conditions and customer demand, our profitability may suffer. In addition, our reliance upon sole or limited sources of supply for certain materials, components and services could cause production interruptions, delays and inefficiencies.

Changes in laws or governmental regulations may reduce demand for our products or services or increase our expenses.

Work stoppages, union and works council campaigns and other labor disputes could adversely impact our productivity and results of operations.

- Developments and uncertainties regarding international economic, political, legal, compliance, trade and business factors could negatively affect our financial statements.

The results of the European Union membership referendum in the United Kingdom and their formal notice of withdrawal from the European Union could adversely affect customer demand, our relationships with customers and suppliers and our business and financial statements.

If we suffer loss to our facilities, supply chains, distribution systems or information technology systems due to catastrophe or other events, our operations could be seriously harmed.

Our defined benefit pension plans are subject to financial market risks that could adversely affect our financial statements.

See Part I—Item 1A of the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 for a further discussion regarding reasons that actual results may differ materially from the results, developments and business decisions contemplated by our forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of the report, document, press release, webcast, call, materials or other communication in which they are made. Except to the extent required by applicable law, we do 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.

OVERVIEW

General

As a result of the Company’s geographic and industry diversity, the Company faces a variety of opportunities and challenges, including rapid innovation and technological development (particularly with respect to computing, mobile connectivity, artificial intelligence, communications and digitization) in most of the Company’s served markets, the expansion and evolution of opportunities in high-growth markets, trends and costs associated with a global labor force, consolidation of the Company’s competitors and increasing regulation. The Company defines high-growth markets as developing markets of the world experiencing extended periods of accelerated growth in gross domestic product and infrastructure which includes Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America and Asia (with the exception of Japan and Australia). The Company operates in a highly competitive business environment in most markets, and the Company’s long-term growth and profitability will depend in particular on its ability to expand its business in high-growth geographies and high-growth market segments, identify,

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consummate and integrate appropriate acquisitions, develop innovative and differentiated new products and services with higher gross profit margins, expand and improve the effectiveness of the Company's sales force, continue to reduce costs and improve operating efficiency and quality, and effectively address the demands of an increasingly regulated environment. The Company is making significant investments, organically and through acquisitions, to address the rapid pace of technological change in its served markets and to globalize its manufacturing, research and development and customer-facing resources (particularly in high-growth markets) in order to be responsive to the Company's customers throughout the world and improve the efficiency of the Company's operations.

Business Performance and Outlook

During the third quarter of 2017, the Company's revenues increased 9.5% compared to the comparable period of 2016. While differences exist among the Company's businesses, on an overall basis, sales from existing businesses grew 3.0% during the third quarter of 2017 as compared to the comparable period of 2016. Increased demand for the Company's products and services on an overall basis, together with the Company's continued investments in sales growth initiatives and the other business-specific factors discussed below contributed to year-over-year sales growth. Geographically, year-over-year core revenue growth rates during the third quarter of 2017 were led by the high-growth markets. Core revenues in high-growth markets increased at a high-single digit rate during the third quarter of 2017 as compared to the comparable period of 2016 led primarily by continued strength in China. High-growth markets represented approximately 31% of the Company's total sales in the third quarter of 2017. Core revenues in developed markets increased at a low-single digit rate during the third quarter of 2017 led primarily by growth in the United States and Japan. The Company expects overall year-over-year sales growth to continue, and year-over-year core revenue growth rates to improve, for the remainder of 2017 but remains cautious about challenges due to macro-economic and geopolitical uncertainties, including global uncertainties related to monetary, fiscal and trade policies.

The Company regularly evaluates market needs and conditions with the objective of positioning itself to provide superior products and services to its customers in a cost-efficient manner. Consistent with this approach, during the second quarter of 2017, the Company made the strategic decision to discontinue a molecular diagnostic product line in its Diagnostics segment. As a result, the Company recorded \$76 million of pretax restructuring, impairment and other related charges (\$51 million after-tax or \$0.07 per diluted share). These charges included \$49 million of noncash charges for the impairment of certain technology-related intangible assets as well as related inventory and property, plant and equipment with no further use. In addition, the Company incurred \$27 million of cash restructuring costs primarily related to employee severance and related charges. These restructuring charges are expected to result in recurring annual savings of approximately \$40 million, beginning in 2018.

Acquisitions

During the first nine months of 2017, the Company acquired five businesses for total consideration of \$112 million in cash, net of cash acquired. The businesses acquired complement existing units of the Life Sciences and Environmental & Applied Solutions segments. The aggregate annual sales of these five businesses at the time of their respective acquisitions, in each case based on the company's revenues for its last completed fiscal year prior to the acquisition, were approximately \$70 million. The Company preliminarily recorded an aggregate of \$73 million of goodwill related to these acquisitions.

Currency Exchange Rates

On a year-over-year basis, currency exchange rates positively impacted reported sales by approximately 1.0% for the three-month period ended September 29, 2017 primarily due to the weakness of the U.S. dollar against several major currencies in the third quarter of 2017 compared to the comparable period of 2016. On a year-over-year basis, currency exchange rates adversely impacted reported sales by approximately 0.5% for the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017 primarily due to the strength of the U.S. dollar against several major currencies in the nine-month period of 2017 compared to the comparable period of 2016. If the currency exchange rates in effect as of September 29, 2017 were to prevail throughout the remainder of 2017, currency exchange rates would increase the Company's estimated full year 2017 sales by approximately 0.5% on a year-over-year basis since the U.S. dollar is currently weaker in comparison with rates experienced in the second half of 2016 which would offset the negative currency impact reported in the first half of 2017. Any future strengthening of the U.S. dollar against major currencies

would adversely impact the Company's sales and results of operations for the remainder of the year, and any weakening of the U.S. dollar against major currencies would positively impact the Company's sales and results of operations for the remainder of the year.

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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Non-GAAP Measures

In this report, references to the non-GAAP measure of core sales or core revenue growth (also referred to as sales from existing businesses) refer to sales from continuing operations calculated according to generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (“GAAP”) but excluding:

- sales from acquired businesses; and
- the impact of currency translation.

References to sales or operating profit attributable to acquisitions or acquired businesses refer to GAAP sales or operating profit, as applicable, from acquired businesses recorded prior to the first anniversary of the acquisition less the amount of sales and operating profit, as applicable, attributable to divested product lines not considered discontinued operations. The portion of revenue attributable to currency translation is calculated as the difference between:

- the period-to-period change in revenue (excluding sales from acquired businesses); and
- the period-to-period change in revenue (excluding sales from acquired businesses) after applying current period foreign exchange rates to the prior year period.

Core sales and core revenue growth should be considered in addition to, and not as a replacement for or superior to, sales, and may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies. Management believes that reporting the non-GAAP financial measure of core sales or core revenue growth provides useful information to investors by helping identify underlying growth trends in Danaher’s business and facilitating comparisons of Danaher’s revenue performance with its performance in prior and future periods and to Danaher’s peers. Management also uses core sales and core revenue growth to measure the Company’s operating and financial performance. The Company excludes the effect of currency translation from core sales because currency translation is not under management’s control, is subject to volatility and can obscure underlying business trends, and excludes the effect of acquisitions and divestiture-related items because the nature, size, timing and number of acquisitions and divestitures can vary dramatically from period-to-period and between the Company and its peers and can also obscure underlying business trends and make comparisons of long-term performance difficult.

Throughout this discussion, references to sales volume refer to the impact of both price and unit sales and references to productivity improvements generally refer to improved cost-efficiencies resulting from the ongoing application of the Danaher Business System.

Revenue Performance

	% Change		% Change	
	Three-Month		Nine-Month	
	Period Ended		Period	
	September		Ended	
	September		September	
	29, 2017 vs.		29,	
	Comparable		2017 vs.	
	2016 Period		Comparable	
			2016 Period	
Total sales growth (GAAP)	9.5	%	7.5	%
Less the impact of:				
Acquisitions and other	(5.5	)%	(5.5	)%
Currency exchange rates	(1.0	)%	0.5	%
Core revenue growth (non-GAAP)	3.0	%	2.5	%

Operating profit margins were 16.9% for both the three-month period ended September 29, 2017 and the comparable period of 2016.

Third quarter 2017 vs. third quarter 2016 operating profit margin comparisons were favorably impacted by:

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Higher 2017 core sales volumes, incremental year-over-year cost savings associated with the restructuring actions and continuing productivity improvement initiatives taken in 2016 and the impact of the weaker U.S. dollar in the third quarter of 2017, net of incremental year-over-year costs associated with various new product development, sales, service and marketing growth investments - 95 basis points

Third quarter 2017 vs. third quarter 2016 operating profit margin comparisons were unfavorably impacted by:

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• Third quarter 2016 gain on resolution of acquisition-related matters - 40 basis points

• The incremental net dilutive effect in 2017 of acquired businesses - 55 basis points

Operating profit margins were 15.7% for the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017 as compared to 16.4% in the comparable period of 2016.

Year-to-date 2017 vs. year-to-date 2016 operating profit margin comparisons were favorably impacted by:

- Higher 2017 core sales volumes and incremental year-over-year cost savings associated with the restructuring actions and continuing productivity improvement initiatives taken in 2016, net of incremental year-over-year costs associated with various new product development, sales, service and marketing growth investments, and the impact of the stronger U.S. dollar in 2017 - 60 basis points

Year-to-date 2017 vs. year-to-date 2016 operating profit margin comparisons were unfavorably impacted by:

• Restructuring, impairment and other related charges related to discontinuing a product line in the second quarter of 2017 related to the Diagnostic segment - 55 basis points

• Third quarter 2016 gain on resolution of acquisition-related matters - 15 basis points

• The incremental net dilutive effect in 2017 of acquired businesses - 60 basis points

Business Segments

Sales by business segment for each of the periods indicated were as follows (\$ in millions):

	Three-Month Period Ended September 29, 2017		Nine-Month Period Ended September 29, 2017	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
Life Sciences	\$ 1,325.4	\$ 1,392.6	\$ 3,911.8	\$ 4,085.0
Diagnostics	1,212.7	1,448.7	3,606.5	4,216.0
Dental	675.6	694.0	2,046.1	2,052.1
Environmental & Applied Solutions	918.4	992.9	2,733.7	2,890.9
Total	\$ 4,132.1	\$ 4,528.2	\$ 12,298.1	\$ 13,244.0

LIFE SCIENCES

The Company's Life Sciences segment offers a broad range of research tools that scientists use to study the basic building blocks of life, including genes, proteins, metabolites and cells, in order to understand the causes of disease, identify new therapies and test new drugs and vaccines. The segment, through its Pall business, is also a leading provider of filtration, separation and purification technologies to the biopharmaceutical, food and beverage, medical, aerospace, microelectronics and general industrial segments.

Life Sciences Selected Financial Data

	Three-Month Period Ended September 29, 2017		Nine-Month Period Ended September 29, 2017		
(\$ in millions)	2016	2017	2016	2017	
Sales	\$ 1,325.4	\$ 1,392.6	\$ 3,911.8	\$ 4,085.0	
Operating profit	204.7	246.8	574.1	680.0	
Depreciation	30.3	29.5	92.5	88.6	
Amortization	76.1	76.9	223.3	229.9	
Operating profit as a % of sales	% 15.4	17.7	% 14.7	% 16.6	%
Depreciation as a % of sales	% 2.3	2.1	% 2.4	% 2.2	%
Amortization as a % of sales	% 5.7	5.5	% 5.7	% 5.6	%

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Revenue Performance

	% Change		% Change	
	Three-Month		Nine-Month	
	Period Ended		Period	
	September		Ended	
	29, 2017 vs.		September	
	Comparable		29,	
	2016 Period		2017 vs.	
			Comparable	
			2016 Period	
Total sales growth (GAAP)	5.0	%	4.5	%
Less the impact of:				
Acquisitions and other	(1.0)	)%	(2.5)	)%
Currency exchange rates	(1.0)	)%	1.0	%
Core revenue growth (non-GAAP)	3.0	%	3.0	%

During the first quarter of 2017, a product line was transferred from the Life Sciences segment to the Environmental & Applied Solutions segment. While this change is not material to segment results in total, the resulting change in sales growth has been included in the “Acquisitions and other” line in the table above.

Price increases in the segment contributed 0.5% to sales growth on a year-over-year basis during both the three and nine-month periods ended September 29, 2017, and are reflected as a component of core revenue growth.

Core sales of the business’ broad range of mass spectrometers grew on a year-over-year basis during both the three and nine-month periods ended September 29, 2017, led by strong sales growth in China and Western Europe, across the food and forensics and pharmaceutical end-markets, partially offset by declines in demand in the clinical end-market in the United States. Core sales of microscopy products grew during the three-month period ended September 29, 2017 as a result of increased demand in the life science and applied end-markets in North America and the medical end-market in Western Europe. Core sales of microscopy products grew on a year-over-year basis during the nine-month period primarily due to increased demand in the high-growth markets and Western Europe. Demand for the business’ flow cytometry and genomics products was strong across all major product lines in both the three and nine-month periods ended September 29, 2017 as compared to the comparable periods in 2016, due to strong demand in North America, China and Western Europe. Core sales for filtration, separation and purification technologies decreased in the three-month period and increased in the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017 compared to the comparable periods in 2016, as hurricanes in North America impacted performance in the third quarter of 2017. For these businesses, increased demand in North America and Asia was largely offset by declines in the Middle East and Western Europe in both periods, as increased demand in the microelectronics end-market was offset by lower demand in the process, industrial, and medical end-markets. For the nine-month period, the decline in the Middle East was largely due to a major project in 2016 which did not repeat in 2017. The Company expects the core growth rate of the filtration, separation and purification technologies business to improve sequentially in the fourth quarter.

Operating profit margins increased 230 basis points during the three-month period ended September 29, 2017 as compared to the comparable period of 2016. The following factors favorably impacted year-over-year operating profit margin comparisons:

Higher 2017 core sales volumes and incremental year-over-year cost savings associated with the restructuring actions and continuing productivity improvement initiatives taken in 2016, net of incremental year-over-year costs associated with various new product development, sales and marketing growth investments in 2017 - 185 basis points
 The incremental net accretive effect in 2017 of acquired businesses and intersegment product line transfers - 45 basis points

Operating profit margins increased 190 basis points during the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017 as compared to the comparable period of 2016. The following factors favorably impacted year-over-year operating profit margin comparisons:

- Higher 2017 core sales volumes and incremental year-over-year cost savings associated with the restructuring actions and continuing productivity improvement initiatives taken in 2016, net of incremental year-over-year costs associated with various new product development, sales and marketing growth investments and the impact of the stronger U.S. dollar in 2017 - 160 basis points
- The incremental net accretive effect in 2017 of acquired businesses and intersegment product line transfers - 30 basis points

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DIAGNOSTICS

The Company's Diagnostics segment offers analytical instruments, reagents, consumables, software and services that hospitals, physicians' offices, reference laboratories and other critical care settings use to diagnose disease and make treatment decisions.

Diagnostics Selected Financial Data

	Three-Month Period Ended		Nine-Month Period Ended	
	September 29, 2017		September 30, 2016	
(\$ in millions)	2017	2016	2017	2016
Sales	\$1,448.7	\$ 1,212.7	\$4,216.0	\$ 3,606.5
Operating profit	242.7	193.9	554.9	606.3
Depreciation	92.6	82.3	271.8	239.4
Amortization	54.2	33.9	160.2	101.8
Operating profit as a % of sales	16.8	% 16.0	% 13.2	% 16.8
Depreciation as a % of sales	6.4	% 6.8	% 6.4	% 6.6
Amortization as a % of sales	3.7	% 2.8	% 3.8	% 2.8

Revenue Performance

	% Change		% Change	
	Three-Month Period Ended September 29, 2017 vs. Comparable 2016 Period		Nine-Month Period Ended September 29, 2017 vs. Comparable 2016 Period	
Total sales growth (GAAP)	19.5	%	17.0	%
Less the impact of:				
Acquisitions and other	(15.0)	)%	(14.5)	)%
Currency exchange rates	(0.5)	)%	0.5	%
Core revenue growth (non-GAAP)	4.0	%	3.0	%

Price changes in the segment modestly benefited sales growth on a year-over-year basis during the three-month period ended September 29, 2017. Price increases in the segment contributed 0.5% to sales growth on a year-over-year basis during the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017 and are reflected as a component of core revenue growth. Demand in the segment's clinical business increased on a year-over-year basis for both the three and nine-month periods ended September 29, 2017 led by increased demand in high-growth markets, primarily in China and the Middle East, and North America. Increased demand in Western Europe also contributed to the year-over-year core sales growth for the three-month period. Lower demand in Japan and Latin America for both the three and nine-month periods and in Western Europe for the nine-month period partially offset this growth. Core sales in the acute care diagnostic business increased year-over-year in both the three and nine-month periods ended September 29, 2017, due to strong sales of blood gas and immunoassay analyzer products across all major geographies. Core sales in the pathology diagnostics business grew year-over-year in both the three and nine-month periods ended September 29, 2017, due primarily to increased demand for advanced staining and core histology products. Demand increased in Western Europe and China for both periods as well as in North America for the nine-month period.

The acquisition of Cepheid in November 2016 provides additional sales and earnings growth opportunities for the segment by expanding geographic and product line diversity, including new product and service offerings in the areas of molecular diagnostics. As Cepheid is integrated into the Company over the next several years, the Company expects to realize significant synergies through the application of the Danaher Business System. During both the three

and nine-month periods ended September 29, 2017, Cepheid's revenues grew on a year-over-year basis in most major geographies and product lines.

During the second quarter of 2017, the Company made the strategic decision to discontinue a molecular diagnostic product line in the Diagnostics segment. As a result, the Company recorded \$76 million of pretax restructuring, impairment and other related charges (\$51 million after-tax or \$0.07 per diluted share). These charges included \$49 million of noncash charges for the impairment of certain technology-related intangible assets as well as related inventory and property, plant and equipment with no further use. In addition, the Company incurred \$27 million of cash restructuring costs primarily related to employee

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severance and related charges. These restructuring charges are expected to result in recurring annual savings of approximately \$40 million, beginning in 2018.

Operating profit margins increased 80 basis points during the three-month period ended September 29, 2017 as compared to the comparable period of 2016.

Third quarter 2017 vs. third quarter 2016 operating profit margin comparisons were favorably impacted by:

- Higher 2017 core sales volumes and incremental year-over-year cost savings associated with the restructuring actions and continuing productivity improvement initiatives taken in 2016 and the impact of the weaker U.S. dollar in the third quarter of 2017, net of incremental year-over-year costs associated with various new product development, sales, service and marketing growth investments - 245 basis points

Third quarter 2017 vs. third quarter 2016 operating profit margin comparisons were unfavorably impacted by:

- The incremental net dilutive effect in 2017 of acquired businesses - 165 basis points

Operating profit margins decreased 360 basis points during the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017 as compared to the comparable period of 2016.

Third quarter 2017 vs. third quarter 2016 operating profit margin comparisons were favorably impacted by:

- Higher 2017 core sales volumes and incremental year-over-year cost savings associated with the restructuring actions and continuing productivity improvement initiatives taken in 2016, net of incremental year-over-year costs associated with various new product development, sales, service and marketing growth investments, and the impact of the stronger U.S. dollar in 2017 - 5 basis points

Third quarter 2017 vs. third quarter 2016 operating profit margin comparisons were unfavorably impacted by:

- Restructuring, impairment and other related charges related to discontinuing a product line in the second quarter of 2017 - 180 basis points

- The incremental net dilutive effect in 2017 of acquired businesses - 185 basis points

Amortization as a percentage of sales increased during both the three and nine-month periods ended September 29, 2017 as compared to the comparable periods of 2016 due primarily to the impact of recently acquired businesses, particularly Cepheid.

DENTAL

The Company's Dental segment provides products that are used to diagnose, treat and prevent disease and ailments of the teeth, gums and supporting bone, as well as to improve the aesthetics of the human smile. The Company is a leading worldwide provider of a broad range of dental consumables, equipment and services, and is dedicated to driving technological innovations that help dental professionals improve clinical outcomes and enhance productivity.

Dental Selected Financial Data

(\$ in millions)	Three-Month Period Ended		Nine-Month Period Ended			
	September 29, 2017	September 30, 2016	September 29, 2017	September 30, 2016		
Sales	\$694.0	\$ 675.6	\$2,052.1	\$ 2,046.1		
Operating profit	102.2	101.3	301.4	305.6		
Depreciation	9.3	10.8	29.7	32.6		
Amortization	20.8	20.4	61.0	63.2		
Operating profit as a % of sales	14.7	% 15.0	% 14.7	% 14.9	%	
Depreciation as a % of sales	1.3	% 1.6	% 1.4	% 1.6	%	
Amortization as a % of sales	3.0	% 3.0	% 3.0	% 3.1	%	

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Revenue Performance

	% Change		% Change	
	Three-Month		Nine-Month	
	Period Ended		Period	
	September		Ended	
	29, 2017 vs.		September	
	Comparable		29,	
	2016 Period		2017 vs.	
			Comparable	
			2016 Period	
Total sales growth (GAAP)	2.5	%	0.5	%
Less the impact of:				
Acquisitions and other	—	%	—	%
Currency exchange rates	(1.5	)%	(0.5	)%
Core revenue growth (non-GAAP)	1.0	%	—	%

Price increases modestly benefited sales growth on a year-over-year basis in the three-month period and did not significantly impact sales growth on a year-over-year basis during the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017. Geographically, year-over-year core revenue growth in China and other high-growth markets was strong in both the three and nine-month periods ended September 29, 2017, offset by softer demand in North America and Western Europe. Core revenue growth for implant systems was driven by increased demand in high-growth markets and North America for both the three and nine-month periods. In addition, increased demand in China and North America drove increased core sales of orthodontic products. Dental equipment sales also grew during both periods, primarily in high-growth markets and North America. Lower demand for dental consumable product lines in North America and Western Europe largely offset the year-over-year growth in the other product categories for both the three and nine-month periods, primarily reflecting inventory destocking by several distribution partners. While the Company expects the impact of inventory destocking in its consumables business to lessen, the recent realignment of distributors and manufacturers in the dental industry, primarily in North America, may have a negative impact on equipment revenues in the near-term.

Operating profit margins decreased 30 basis points during the three-month period ended September 29, 2017 as compared to the comparable period of 2016. The following factors unfavorably impacted year-over-year operating profit margin comparisons:

- Incremental year-over-year costs associated with various new product development, sales and marketing growth investments, and unfavorable product mix due to lower sales of dental consumables in 2017, net of incremental year-over-year cost savings associated with the restructuring actions and continuing productivity improvement initiatives taken in 2016 - 15 basis points
- The incremental net dilutive effect in 2017 of acquired businesses - 15 basis points

Operating profit margins decreased 20 basis points during the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017 as compared to the comparable period of 2016. The following factors unfavorably impacted year-over-year operating profit margin comparisons:

- Incremental year-over-year costs associated with various new product development, sales and marketing growth investments, the impact of the stronger U.S. dollar in 2017 and unfavorable product mix due to lower sales of dental consumables in 2017, net of incremental year-over-year cost savings associated with the restructuring actions and continuing productivity improvement initiatives taken in 2016 - 10 basis points
- The incremental net dilutive effect in 2017 of acquired businesses - 10 basis points

ENVIRONMENTAL & APPLIED SOLUTIONS

The Company's Environmental & Applied Solutions segment products and services help protect important resources and keep global food and water supplies safe. The Company's water quality business provides instrumentation,

services and disinfection systems to help analyze, treat and manage the quality of ultra-pure, potable, waste, ground, source and ocean water in residential, commercial, municipal, industrial and natural resource applications. The Company's product identification business provides equipment, consumables, software and services for various printing, marking, coding, traceability, packaging, design and color management applications on consumer, pharmaceutical and industrial products.

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Environmental & Applied Solutions Selected Financial Data

	Three-Month Period Ended		Nine-Month Period Ended	
(\$ in millions)	September 29, 2017	September 30, 2016	September 29, 2017	September 30, 2016
Sales	\$992.9	\$ 918.4	\$2,890.9	\$ 2,733.7
Operating profit	222.8	223.4	666.0	640.1
Depreciation	11.3	9.1	31.6	26.4
Amortization	14.6	12.8	41.8	38.3
Operating profit as a % of sales	22.4	% 24.3	% 23.0	% 23.4
Depreciation as a % of sales	1.1	% 1.0	% 1.1	% 1.0
Amortization as a % of sales	1.5	% 1.4	% 1.4	% 1.4

	% Change		% Change	
	Three-Month Period Ended September 29, 2017 vs. Comparable 2016 Period		Nine-Month Period Ended September 29, 2017 vs. Comparable 2016 Period	
Total sales growth (GAAP)	8.0	%	6.0	%
Less the impact of:				
Acquisitions and other	(3.0	)%	(2.5	)%
Currency exchange rates	(2.0	)%	—	%
Core revenue growth (non-GAAP)	3.0	%	3.5	%

During the first quarter of 2017, a product line was transferred from the Life Sciences segment to the Environmental & Applied Solutions segment. While this change is not material to segment results in total, the resulting change in sales growth has been included in the “Acquisitions and other” line in the table above.

Price increases in the segment contributed 1.0% and 0.5% to sales growth on a year-over-year basis during the three and nine-month periods ended September 29, 2017, respectively, and are reflected as a component of core revenue growth.

Core sales in the segment’s water quality business grew at a low-single digit rate during both the three and nine-month periods ended September 29, 2017 as compared to the comparable periods of 2016. Year-over-year core sales in the analytical instrumentation product line increased in both the three and nine-month periods, as increased demand in the industrial and municipal end-markets was partially offset by lower demand in the environmental end-markets.

Geographically, year-over-year core revenue growth for both the three and nine-month periods was driven by increased demand in China and Western Europe partially offset by weakness in the Middle East and Latin America. Increased demand in North America also contributed to the year-over-year core revenue growth for the nine-month period. Core revenue growth in the business’ chemical treatment solutions product line for both the three and nine-month periods was due to an expansion of the customer base in the United States and increased demand in Latin America, driven by higher demand in food, steel and oil and gas-related end-markets. Core sales in the business’ ultraviolet water disinfection product line decreased in the three-month period and increased slightly in the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017 due to differences in the timing of the completion of several projects in 2017 as compared to the comparable periods of 2016.

Core sales in the segment’s product identification businesses grew at a mid-single digit rate during both the three and nine-month periods ended September 29, 2017 as compared to the comparable periods of 2016. Continued strong

year-over-year demand for marking and coding equipment and related consumables in most major geographies, led by North America, drove the majority of the core revenue growth. Increased year-over-year demand for the business' packaging and color solutions products and services, led by Asia and Western Europe, also contributed to core revenue growth for both the three and nine-month periods ended September 29, 2017.

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Operating profit margins decreased 190 basis points during the three-month period ended September 29, 2017 as compared to the comparable period of 2016. The following factors unfavorably impacted year-over-year operating profit margin comparisons:

Incremental year-over-year costs associated with various new product development, sales and marketing growth investments, net of the positive impact of higher 2017 core sales volumes and incremental year-over-year cost savings associated with the restructuring actions and continuing productivity improvement initiatives taken in 2016 - 105 basis points

The incremental net dilutive effect in 2017 of acquired businesses and intersegment product line transfers - 85 basis points

Operating profit margins decreased 40 basis points during the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017 as compared to the comparable period of 2016.

Year-to-date 2017 vs. year-to-date 2016 operating profit margin comparisons were favorably impacted by:

Higher 2017 core sales volumes, incremental year-over-year cost savings associated with the restructuring actions and continuing productivity improvement initiatives taken in 2016 and improved pricing, net of incremental year-over-year costs associated with various new product development, sales and marketing growth investments - 20 basis points

Year-to-date 2017 vs. year-to-date 2016 operating profit margin comparisons were unfavorably impacted by:

The incremental net dilutive effect in 2017 of acquired businesses and intersegment product line transfers - 60 basis points

COST OF SALES AND GROSS PROFIT

	Three-Month Period Ended		Nine-Month Period Ended	
(\$ in millions)	September 29, 2017	September 30, 2016	September 29, 2017	September 30, 2016
Sales	\$4,528.2	\$ 4,132.1	\$13,244.0	\$ 12,298.1
Cost of sales	(1,991.4)	(1,846.1)	(5,890.6)	(5,463.5)
Gross profit	\$2,536.8	\$ 2,286.0	\$7,353.4	\$ 6,834.6
Gross profit margin	56.0 %	55.3 %	55.5 %	55.6 %

The year-over-year increase in cost of sales during both the three and nine-month periods ended September 29, 2017 as compared to the comparable periods in 2016, is due primarily to the impact of higher year-over-year sales volumes, including sales from recently acquired businesses. During the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017 the impact of restructuring, impairment and other related charges associated with the Company's strategic decision to discontinue a product line in its Diagnostics segment also contributed to the year-over-year increase in cost of sales. Foreign exchange losses realized due to the weakening of the U.S. dollar against other major currencies also increased cost of sales for the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017. These increases were partially offset by incremental year-over-year cost savings associated with the restructuring and continued productivity improvement actions taken in 2016.

The year-over-year increase in gross profit margins during the three-month period ended September 29, 2017 as compared to the comparable period in 2016, is due to the favorable impact of higher year-over-year sales volumes, and incremental year-over-year cost savings associated with the restructuring activities and continued productivity improvement actions taken in 2016. The year-over-year decrease in gross profit margins during the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017 as compared to the comparable period in 2016, is due primarily to the impact of the restructuring, impairment and other related charges associated with the Company's strategic decision to discontinue a product line in its Diagnostics segment. The above mentioned foreign exchange losses also reduced gross profit margins for the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017. These impacts were largely offset by the favorable impact of higher year-over-year sales volumes, and incremental year-over-year cost savings associated with the restructuring activities and continued productivity improvement actions taken in 2016.

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OPERATING EXPENSES

(\$ in millions)	Three-Month Period Ended		Nine-Month Period Ended	
	September 29, 2017	September 30, 2016	September 29, 2017	September 30, 2016
Sales	\$4,528.2	\$ 4,132.1	\$13,244.0	\$12,298.1
Selling, general and administrative (“SG&A”) expenses	1,490.1	1,345.8	4,448.4	4,105.2
Research and development (“R&D”) expenses	279.2	241.1	829.9	707.1
SG&A as a % of sales	32.9	% 32.6	% 33.6	% 33.4
R&D as a % of sales	6.2	% 5.8	% 6.3	% 5.7

The year-over-year increase in SG&A expenses as a percentage of sales for the three-month period ended September 29, 2017 as compared to the comparable period in 2016, was driven by higher relative spending levels at recently acquired companies, primarily Cepheid, and continued investments in sales and marketing growth initiatives, partially offset by the benefit of increased leverage of the Company’s general and administrative cost base resulting from higher 2017 sales volumes. The year-over-year increase in SG&A expenses as a percentage of sales for the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017 as compared to the comparable period in 2016, was driven by restructuring, impairment and other related charges associated with the Company’s strategic decision to discontinue a product line in its Diagnostics segment, higher relative spending levels at recently acquired companies, primarily Cepheid, and continued investments in sales and marketing growth initiatives. These increases were partially offset by the benefit of increased leverage of the Company’s general and administrative cost base resulting from higher 2017 sales volumes.

The year-over-year increase in R&D expenses (consisting principally of internal and contract engineering personnel costs) as a percentage of sales for both the three and nine-month periods ended September 29, 2017 as compared to the comparable periods in 2016, was due primarily to higher R&D expenses as a percentage of sales in the businesses most recently acquired, particularly Cepheid, as well as continued investments in new product development initiatives.

NONOPERATING INCOME (EXPENSE)

The Company received \$265 million of cash proceeds from the sale of marketable equity securities during the first quarter of 2016. The Company recorded a pretax gain related to this sale of \$223 million (\$140 million after-tax or \$0.20 per diluted share) during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2016.

In the third quarter of 2016, the Company redeemed approximately \$1.9 billion in aggregate principal amount of outstanding indebtedness and paid an aggregate of \$188 million in make-whole premiums in connection with those redemptions, plus accrued and unpaid interest. The payment of these make-whole premiums, net of certain deferred gains of \$9 million, are reflected as a loss on early extinguishment of borrowings in the accompanying Consolidated Condensed Statement of Earnings of \$179 million (\$112 million after-tax or \$0.16 per diluted share) in the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2016.

INTEREST COSTS AND FINANCING

For a discussion of the Company’s outstanding indebtedness, refer to Note 6 to the accompanying Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements.

Interest expense of \$40 million and \$121 million for the three and nine-month periods ended September 29, 2017, respectively, was \$4 million lower and \$31 million lower than the comparable periods of 2016, respectively, due primarily to the decrease in interest costs as a result of the early extinguishment of certain outstanding borrowings in the third quarter of 2016 using the proceeds from the Fortive Distribution, partially offset by the cost of additional borrowings incurred to finance the acquisition of Cepheid in November 2016 and additional long-term debt refinancing in 2017.

INCOME TAXES

The Company's effective tax rate from continuing operations for the three and nine-month periods ended September 29, 2017 was 21.6% and 17.7%, respectively, as compared to 15.5% and 26.6% for the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2016, respectively.

The Company's effective tax rate for 2017 and 2016 differs from the U.S. federal statutory rate of 35.0% due principally to the Company's earnings outside the United States that are indefinitely reinvested and taxed at rates lower than the U.S. federal

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statutory rate. The effective tax rate for the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017 includes a benefit from the release of reserves upon the expiration of statutes of limitations and audit settlements, excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation, as well as higher tax benefits from restructuring charges that are predominantly in the United States, which in aggregate decreased the reported tax rate by 3.3%. The effective tax rate for the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2016 includes a higher tax rate associated with the loss on the early extinguishment of borrowings during the third quarter of 2016 which lowered the effective tax rate by 6.0% and 1.0%, respectively. The effective tax rate for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2016 also includes charges related to the repatriation of earnings and legal entity realignments associated with the Separation and higher tax rate on the gain from sale of marketable equity securities which in aggregate increased the effective tax rate by 6.6%. The Company conducts business globally, and files numerous consolidated and separate income tax returns in federal, state and foreign jurisdictions. The countries in which the Company has a significant presence that have significantly lower statutory tax rates than the United States include China, Denmark, Germany, Singapore, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. The Company's ability to obtain tax benefits from lower statutory tax rates outside the United States is dependent on its levels of taxable income in these foreign countries and the amount of foreign earnings which are indefinitely reinvested in those countries. The Company believes that a change in the statutory tax rate of any individual foreign country would not have a material effect on the Company's financial statements given the geographic dispersion of the Company's taxable income.

The Company and its subsidiaries are routinely examined by various domestic and international taxing authorities. The U.S. Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") has completed the examinations of substantially all of the Company's federal income tax returns through 2011 and is currently examining certain of the Company's federal income tax returns for 2012 through 2015. In addition, the Company has subsidiaries in Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, France, Finland, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Singapore, Sweden, the United Kingdom and various other countries, states and provinces that are currently under audit for years ranging from 2004 through 2015.

Tax authorities in Denmark have raised significant issues related to interest accrued by certain of the Company's subsidiaries. On December 10, 2013, the Company received assessments from the Danish tax authority ("SKAT") totaling approximately DKK 1.5 billion including interest through September 29, 2017 (approximately \$235 million based on the exchange rate as of September 29, 2017), imposing withholding tax relating to interest accrued in Denmark on borrowings from certain of the Company's subsidiaries for the years 2004-2009. The Company is currently in discussions with SKAT and anticipates receiving an assessment for years 2010-2012 totaling approximately DKK 874 million including interest through September 29, 2017 (approximately \$139 million based on the exchange rate as of September 29, 2017). Management believes the positions the Company has taken in Denmark are in accordance with the relevant tax laws and is vigorously defending its positions. The Company appealed these assessments to the National Tax Tribunal in 2014 and intends on pursuing this matter through the European Court of Justice should this appeal be unsuccessful. The ultimate resolution of this matter is uncertain, could take many years, and could result in a material adverse impact to the Company's financial statements, including its effective tax rate. The Company expects its effective tax rate related to continuing operations for the remainder of 2017 to be approximately 21% based on its projected mix of earnings, although the actual effective tax rate could vary from the anticipated rate as a result of many factors, including but not limited to the following:

The expected rate for the remainder of 2017 includes the anticipated discrete income tax benefits from excess tax deductions related to the Company's stock compensation programs, which are now reflected as a reduction in tax expense (refer to Note 1 to the accompanying Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements for additional information related to this change in accounting guidance), though the actual benefits will depend on the Company's stock price and stock option exercise patterns.

The actual mix of earnings by jurisdiction could fluctuate from the Company's projection.

The tax effects of other discrete items, including accruals related to tax contingencies, the resolution of worldwide tax matters, tax audit settlements, statute of limitations expirations and changes in tax regulations, are reflected in the period in which they occur.

Any future legislative changes or potential tax reform in the United States or other jurisdictions and any related additional tax planning efforts to address these changes.

As a result of the uncertainty in predicting these items, it is reasonably possible that the actual effective tax rate used for financial reporting purposes will change in future periods.

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In the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017, Danaher recorded a \$22 million income tax benefit related to the release of previously provided reserves associated with uncertain tax positions on certain Danaher tax returns which were jointly filed with Fortive entities. These reserves were released due to the expiration of statutes of limitations for those returns. All Fortive entity-related balances were included in the income tax benefit related to discontinued operations.

COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the three-month period ended September 29, 2017, comprehensive income increased \$154 million as compared to the comparable period of 2016, primarily due to an increase in net earnings in the three-month period partially offset by a smaller impact from foreign currency translation adjustments. In the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017, comprehensive income increased \$490 million as compared to the comparable period of 2016, due to an increased gain from foreign currency translation adjustments compared to the gain realized in 2016 and the change in the unrealized gains on the available-for-sale securities, partially offset by lower net earnings in the nine-month period of 2017 associated with the spin-off of Fortive in July 2016. For the three and nine-month periods ended September 29, 2017, the Company recorded a foreign currency translation gain of \$260 million and \$839 million, respectively, as compared to a translation gain of \$276 million and \$315 million for the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2016, respectively.

INFLATION

The effect of inflation on the Company's revenues and net earnings was not significant in the three and nine-month periods ended September 29, 2017.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Management assesses the Company's liquidity in terms of its ability to generate cash to fund its operating, investing and financing activities. The Company continues to generate substantial cash from operating activities and believes that its operating cash flow and other sources of liquidity will be sufficient to allow it to continue investing in existing businesses, consummating strategic acquisitions, paying interest and servicing debt and managing its capital structure on a short and long-term basis.

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Following is an overview of the Company's cash flows and liquidity for the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017:

Overview of Cash Flows and Liquidity

(\$ in millions)	Nine-Month Period Ended	
	September 29, 2017	September 30, 2016
Total operating cash flows provided by continuing operations	\$2,643.1	\$ 2,438.5
Cash paid for acquisitions	\$(112.0)	\$ (99.6)
Payments for additions to property, plant and equipment	(445.8)	(422.1)
Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment	32.3	7.2
Proceeds from sale of investments	—	264.8
All other investing activities	(2.4)	—
Total investing cash used in discontinued operations	—	(69.8)
Net cash used in investing activities	\$(527.9)	\$ (319.5)
Proceeds from the issuance of common stock	\$49.0	\$ 156.6
Payment of dividends	(281.0)	(313.3)
Make-whole premiums to redeem borrowings prior to maturity	—	(188.1)
Payment for purchase of noncontrolling interests	(64.4)	—
Net repayments of borrowings (maturities of 90 days or less)	(3,319.1)	(2,334.2)
Proceeds from borrowings (maturities longer than 90 days)	1,684.0	3,240.9
Repayments of borrowings (maturities longer than 90 days)	(562.4)	(2,354.2)
All other financing activities	(50.7)	(26.7)
Cash distributions to Fortive, net	—	(485.3)
Net cash used in financing activities	\$(2,544.6)	\$ (2,304.3)

Operating cash flows from continuing operations increased \$205 million, or approximately 8%, during the first nine months of 2017 as compared to the first nine months of 2016, due to higher earnings and lower cash used for funding accounts receivable, inventories and accounts payable during the period partially offset by increased cash used for income tax and certain employee benefit payments compared to the prior years.

The Company used cash generated from operations as well as the proceeds from the long-term borrowings noted below to reduce net outstanding borrowings with maturities of 90 days or less, primarily commercial paper borrowings, by approximately \$3.3 billion.

In May 2017, the Company received net proceeds, after offering expenses, of approximately ¥83.6 billion (approximately \$744 million based on currency exchange rates as of the date of the pricing of the notes) from the issuance of yen-denominated notes (refer to Note 6 of the accompanying Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements), and used the net proceeds from the offering to repay commercial paper borrowings.

In June 2017, the Company received net proceeds, after underwriting discounts and commissions and offering expenses, of approximately €843 million (approximately \$940 million based on currency exchange rates as of the date of the pricing of the notes) from the issuance of euro-denominated notes (refer to Note 6 of the accompanying Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements) and used the net proceeds from the offering to repay the €500 million floating rate senior unsecured notes which matured on June 30, 2017 as well as to repay commercial paper borrowings.

As of September 29, 2017, the Company held \$649 million of cash and cash equivalents.

Operating Activities

Cash flows from operating activities can fluctuate significantly from period-to-period as working capital needs and the timing of payments for income taxes, restructuring activities, pension funding and other items impact reported cash

flows.

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Operating cash flows from continuing operations were approximately \$2.6 billion for the first nine months of 2017, an increase of \$205 million, or approximately 8%, as compared to the comparable period of 2016. The year-over-year change in operating cash flows from 2016 to 2017 was primarily attributable to the following factors:

2017 operating cash flows reflected an increase in net earnings from continuing operations for the first nine months of 2017 as compared to the comparable period in 2016. The increase in net earnings from continuing operations was partially offset by the net impact of the gain from the sale of marketable equity securities and the loss on early extinguishment of borrowings in 2016. The cash flow impact of the gain from the sale of marketable equity securities is reflected in the investing activities section of the accompanying Consolidated Condensed Statement of Cash Flows, and the cash flow impact of the loss on early extinguishment of borrowings is reflected in the financing activities section of the Consolidated Condensed Statement of Cash Flows, and therefore, do not contribute to operating cash flows.

Net earnings from continuing operations for the first nine months of 2017 reflected an increase of \$98 million of depreciation and amortization expense as compared to the comparable period of 2016. Amortization expense primarily relates to the amortization of intangible assets acquired in connection with acquisitions and increased due to the impact of recently acquired businesses, particularly Cepheid. Depreciation expense relates to both the Company's manufacturing and operating facilities as well as instrumentation leased to customers under operating-type lease arrangements and increased due primarily to the impact of recently acquired businesses, particularly Cepheid. Depreciation and amortization are noncash expenses that decrease earnings without a corresponding impact to operating cash flows.

The aggregate of trade accounts receivable, inventories and trade accounts payable used \$72 million in operating cash flows during the first nine months of 2017, compared to \$271 million of operating cash flows used in the comparable period of 2016. The amount of cash flow generated from or used by the aggregate of trade accounts receivable, inventories and trade accounts payable depends upon how effectively the Company manages the cash conversion cycle, which effectively represents the number of days that elapse from the day it pays for the purchase of raw materials and components to the collection of cash from its customers and can be significantly impacted by the timing of collections and payments in a period.

The aggregate of prepaid expenses and other assets and accrued expenses and other liabilities provided \$28 million of operating cash flows during the first nine months of 2017, compared to \$429 million provided in the comparable period of 2016. This operational cash flow in the first nine months of 2017 resulted primarily from the timing of cash payments for income taxes compared to the timing of recording the related income tax provisions, various employee-related liabilities and customer funding during the first nine months of 2017 compared to the comparable period of 2016.

Investing Activities

Cash flows relating to investing activities consist primarily of cash used for acquisitions and capital expenditures, including instruments leased to customers, cash used for investments and cash proceeds from divestitures of businesses or assets.

Net cash used in investing activities from continuing operations was \$528 million during the first nine months of 2017 compared to \$250 million of cash used in the first nine months of 2016. For a discussion of the Company's acquisitions during the first nine months of 2017 refer to "—Overview" and for a discussion of the Company's 2016 sale of marketable equity securities refer to "—Results of Operations—Nonoperating Income (Expense)".

Capital expenditures are made primarily for increasing capacity, replacing equipment, supporting new product development, improving information technology systems and the manufacture of instruments that are used in operating-type lease arrangements that certain of the Company's businesses enter into with customers. Capital expenditures increased \$24 million on a year-over-year basis for the first nine months of 2017 compared to 2016 due to increased investments in other operating assets, particularly new facilities and operating assets at newly acquired businesses. For the full year 2017, the Company expects capital spending to be approximately \$675 million, though actual expenditures will ultimately depend on business conditions.

Capital disposals in the first nine months of 2017 were primarily related to the sale of a building.

Financing Activities and Indebtedness

Cash flows relating to financing activities consist primarily of cash flows associated with the issuance and repayments of commercial paper and other debt, issuance and repurchases of common stock and payments of cash dividends to shareholders.

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Financing activities from continuing operations used cash of approximately \$2.5 billion during the first nine months of 2017 compared to approximately \$1.8 billion of cash used in the comparable period of 2016. The year-over-year increase in cash used in financing activities was due primarily to higher net repayments of commercial paper borrowings in 2017 as well as lower proceeds from the issuance of the Yen Notes and the Euronotes in 2017 as compared to the proceeds from the issuance of debt (primarily related to Fortive) in the comparable period of 2016. For a description of the Company's outstanding debt as of September 29, 2017, the debt issued and debt repaid during the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017 and the Company's commercial paper programs and credit facilities, refer to Note 6 to the accompanying Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements. As of September 29, 2017, the Company was in compliance with all of its debt covenants.

The Company satisfies any short-term liquidity needs that are not met through operating cash flow and available cash primarily through issuances of commercial paper under its U.S. dollar and euro-denominated commercial paper programs. Credit support for the commercial paper programs is generally provided by the Company's \$4.0 billion unsecured, multi-year revolving credit facility with a syndicate of banks that expires on July 10, 2020 (the "Credit Facility"), which can also be used for working capital and other general corporate purposes. In October 2016, the Company expanded its borrowing capacity by entering into a \$3.0 billion 364-day unsecured revolving credit facility with a syndicate of banks that expires on October 23, 2017 (the "364-Day Facility" and together with the Credit Facility, the "Credit Facilities"), to provide additional liquidity support for issuances under the Company's U.S. dollar and euro-denominated commercial paper programs.

Effective April 21, 2017, the Company reduced the commitment amount under the 364-Day Facility from \$3.0 billion to \$2.3 billion, and effective June 23, 2017, the Company further reduced the commitment amount under the facility to \$1.0 billion, as permitted by the facility. As of September 29, 2017, Danaher had the ability to incur approximately an additional \$2.1 billion of indebtedness in direct borrowings under the Credit Facilities or under outstanding commercial paper facilities (based on aggregate amounts available under the Credit Facilities that were not being used to backstop outstanding commercial paper balances). Effective October 23, 2017, Danaher's ability to incur additional indebtedness will be reduced to approximately \$1.1 billion due to the expiration of the 364-Day Facility noted above. The Company has classified approximately \$2.9 billion of its borrowings outstanding under the commercial paper programs as of September 29, 2017 as long-term debt in the accompanying Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheet as the Company had the intent and ability, as supported by availability under the Credit Facility, to refinance these borrowings for at least one year from the balance sheet date. As commercial paper obligations mature, the Company may issue additional short-term commercial paper obligations to refinance all or part of these borrowings.

Stock Repurchase Program

Neither the Company nor any "affiliated purchaser" repurchased any shares of Company common stock during the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017. On July 16, 2013, the Company's Board of Directors approved the Repurchase Program authorizing the repurchase of up to 20 million shares of the Company's common stock from time to time on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. There is no expiration date for the Repurchase Program, and the timing and amount of any shares repurchased under the program will be determined by the Company's management based on its evaluation of market conditions and other factors. The Repurchase Program may be suspended or discontinued at any time. Any repurchased shares will be available for use in connection with the Company's equity compensation plans (or any successor plan) and for other corporate purposes. As of September 29, 2017, 20 million shares remained available for repurchase pursuant to the Repurchase Program. The Company expects to fund any future stock repurchases using the Company's available cash balances or proceeds from the issuance of debt.

Dividends

Aggregate cash payments for dividends during the first nine months of 2017 were \$281 million. This is lower than in the comparable period of 2016, as the Company decreased the per share amount of its quarterly dividend in the third quarter of 2016 as a result of the Fortive Separation.

In the third quarter of 2017, the Company declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.14 per share payable on October 27, 2017 to holders of record on September 29, 2017.

Cash and Cash Requirements

As of September 29, 2017, the Company held \$649 million of cash and cash equivalents that were held on deposit with financial institutions or invested in highly liquid investment-grade debt instruments with a maturity of 90 days or less with an approximate weighted average annual interest rate of 1.1%. Of this amount, \$22 million was held within the United States and

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\$627 million was held outside of the United States. The Company will continue to have cash requirements to support working capital needs, capital expenditures and acquisitions, pay interest and service debt, pay taxes and any related interest or penalties, fund its restructuring activities and pension plans as required, pay dividends to shareholders, repurchase shares of the Company's common stock and support other business needs.

The Company generally intends to use available cash and internally generated funds to meet these cash requirements, but in the event that additional liquidity is required, particularly in connection with acquisitions, the Company may also borrow under its commercial paper programs or the credit facilities, enter into new credit facilities and either borrow directly thereunder or use such credit facilities to backstop additional borrowing capacity under its commercial paper programs and/or access the capital markets. The Company also may from time to time access the capital markets to take advantage of favorable interest rate environments or other market conditions. With respect to the Company's commercial paper, notes and bonds scheduled to mature during the remainder of 2017, the Company expects to repay the principal amounts when due using available cash, proceeds from the issuance of commercial paper and/or proceeds from other debt issuances.

While repatriation of some cash held outside the United States may be restricted by local laws, most of the Company's foreign cash balances could be repatriated to the United States but, under current law, would be subject to U.S. federal income taxes, less applicable foreign tax credits. For most of its foreign subsidiaries, the Company makes an election regarding the amount of earnings intended for indefinite reinvestment, with the balance available to be repatriated to the United States. The Company has recorded a deferred tax liability for the funds that are available to be repatriated to the United States. No provisions for U.S. income taxes have been made with respect to earnings that are planned to be reinvested indefinitely outside the United States, and the amount of U.S. income taxes that may be applicable to such earnings is not readily determinable given the various tax planning alternatives the Company could employ if it repatriated these earnings. The cash that the Company's foreign subsidiaries hold for indefinite reinvestment is generally used to finance foreign operations and investments, including acquisitions. As of September 29, 2017, management believes that it has sufficient liquidity to satisfy its cash needs, including its cash needs in the United States.

During 2017, the Company's cash contribution requirements for its U.S. and non-U.S. defined benefit pension plans are expected to be approximately \$55 million and \$40 million, respectively. The ultimate amounts to be contributed depend upon, among other things, legal requirements, underlying asset returns, the plan's funded status, the anticipated tax deductibility of the contribution, local practices, market conditions, interest rates and other factors.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk appear in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Financial Instruments and Risk Management," in the Company's 2016 Annual Report. There were no material changes during the quarter ended September 29, 2017 to this information reported in the Company's 2016 Annual Report.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

The Company's management, with the participation of the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, and Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on such evaluation, the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, and Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, have concluded that, as of the end of such period, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective. There have been no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that occurred during the Company's most recent completed fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Information regarding risk factors can be found in “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Information Related to Forward-Looking Statements,” in Part I—Item 2 of this Form 10-Q and in Part I—Item 1A of Danaher’s 2016 Annual Report. There were no material changes during the quarter ended September 29, 2017 to the risk factors reported in the Company’s 2016 Annual Report.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

Neither the Company nor any “affiliated purchaser” repurchased any shares of Company common stock during the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017. On July 16, 2013, the Company’s Board of Directors approved a repurchase program (the “Repurchase Program”) authorizing the repurchase of up to 20 million shares of the Company’s common stock from time to time on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. There is no expiration date for the Repurchase Program, and the timing and amount of any shares repurchased under the program will be determined by the Company’s management based on its evaluation of market conditions and other factors. The Repurchase Program may be suspended or discontinued at any time. Any repurchased shares will be available for use in connection with the Company’s equity compensation plans (or any successor plans) and for other corporate purposes. As of September 29, 2017, 20 million shares remained available for repurchase pursuant to the Repurchase Program.

During the third quarter of 2017, holders of certain of the Company’s Liquid Yield Option Notes due 2021 (“LYONs”) converted such LYONs into an aggregate of 24 thousand shares of Danaher common stock, par value \$0.01 per share. In each case, the shares of common stock were issued solely to existing security holders upon conversion of the LYONs pursuant to the exemption from registration provided under Section 3(a)(9) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

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ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

(a) Exhibits:

- 3.1 Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Danaher Corporation (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.1 to Danaher Corporation's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 29, 2012 (Commission File Number: 1-8089))
- 3.2 Amended and Restated By-laws of Danaher Corporation (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.2 to Danaher Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 6, 2016 (Commission File Number: 1-8089))
- 11.1 Computation of per-share earnings (See Note 13, "Net Earnings Per Share from Continuing Operations", to the Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements)
- 12.1 Calculation of ratio of earnings to fixed charges
- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Item 601(b)(31) of Regulation S-K, As Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Item 601(b)(31) of Regulation S-K, As Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer, Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, As Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer, Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, As Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

101.INS XBRL Instance Document **

101.SCH XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document **

101.CAL XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document **

101.DEF XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document **

101.LAB XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document **

101.PRE XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document **

Attached as Exhibit 101 to this report are the following documents formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language): (i) Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets as of September 29, 2017 and December 31, 2016, (ii) Consolidated Condensed Statements of Earnings for the three and nine-month periods ended September 29, 2017 and September 30, 2016, (iii) Consolidated Condensed Statements of Comprehensive Income for the three and nine-month periods ended September 29, 2017 and September 30, 2016, (iv) Consolidated Condensed Statement of Stockholders' Equity for the nine-month period ended September 29, 2017, (v) Consolidated Condensed Statements of Cash Flows for the nine-month periods ended September 29, 2017 and September 30, 2016, and (vi) Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

DANAHER CORPORATION

Date: October 18, 2017 By: /s/ Daniel L. Comas

Daniel L. Comas

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 18, 2017 By: /s/ Robert S. Lutz

Robert S. Lutz

Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer