NORDHOFF HENRY L

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ao		_	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	GEN PROBE INC [GPRO] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
GEN-PROBE			01/03/2005	X Officer (give title Other (specify		
INCORPOR GENETIC C	· ·			below) President & CEO		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
SAN DIECC	CA 0212	1	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting		
SAN DIEGO), CA 9212	1		Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Fransaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	(D) or Indirect (I)	•
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/03/2005		M	4,000	A	\$ 12.29	49,458	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2005		S <u>(1)</u>	2,674	D	\$ 45.4	46,784	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2005		S <u>(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 45.32	45,784	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2005		S <u>(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 45.31	45,684	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2005		S(1)	226	D	\$ 45.21	45,458	D	

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any	Transaction Derivative Code Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.29	01/03/2005		M	4,000	(2)	06/01/2012	Common Stock	4,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

NORDHOFF HENRY L GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED 10210 GENETIC CENTER DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

X

President & CEO

Signatures

/s/ R. William Bowen, Attorney-in-Fact 01/05/2005

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on September 15, 2003.
- (2) Option vests as follows: 25% vest on 6/1/03; 1/48th vesting monthly following three years.

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