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August 02, 2012

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Common

Stock

08/01/2012

(Print or Type Responses)

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	Address of Reporting R WILLIAM	Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GEN PROBE INC [GPRO]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
		(Month/I 08/01/2	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2012			(Check all applicable)  Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Senior VP, General Counsel			
SAN DIEC	(Street) GO, CA 92121		endment, Day/Yea	ate Original r)	6. Individual or J Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by Form filed by Person	One Reporting Pe	rson		
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative Securities Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired or(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		

Code V Amount

15,020

D

(A)

or

(D)

D

Price

0

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Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

D

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	e 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code S (Instr. 8)	5. Number Derivative Securities Acquired (or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	(A) sed of	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V (	(A) (I		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shar
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 42.5	08/01/2012		D	3,2	265	<u>(1)</u>	10/17/2015	Common Stock	3,265
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 60.82	08/01/2012		D	23,	,000	<u>(1)</u>	08/15/2014	Common Stock	23,00
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 60.15	08/01/2012		D	15,	,000	<u>(1)</u>	08/15/2015	Common Stock	15,00
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.51	08/01/2012		D	10,	,600	<u>(1)</u>	08/17/2016	Common Stock	10,60
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 42.66	08/01/2012		D	30,	,300	<u>(1)</u>	02/10/2017	Common Stock	30,30
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 63.8	08/01/2012		D	28,	,251	<u>(1)</u>	02/10/2018	Common Stock	28,25
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 69.22	08/01/2012		D	26,	,892	(2)	02/10/2019	Common Stock	26,89
Performance Stock Rights	\$ 0	08/01/2012		D	3,2	209	<u>(4)</u>	02/10/2014	Common Stock	3,209
Performance Stock Rights	\$0	08/01/2012		D	11,	,028	<u>(5)</u>	02/10/2015	Common Stock	11,02

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
BOWEN R WILLIAM GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED 10210 GENETIC CENTER DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121			Senior VP, General Counsel			

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## **Signatures**

/s/ Andrew S. Greenhalgh, Attorney-in-Fact

08/02/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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This stock option was canceled pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of April 29, 2012, by and among the Registrant, Hologic, Inc. ("Hologic"), and Gold Acquisition Corp. (the "Merger Agreement"), in exchange for a payment in cash, without interest and

- (1) less the amount of any required tax withholding, equal to the product of: (i) the excess of \$82.75 (the per share merger consideration pursuant to the Merger Agreement) over the exercise price of the stock option; and (ii) the number of shares of common stock of the Registrant underlying the stock option.
- (2) 25% of the shares subject to the stock option vest on February 10, 2013, and the remaining shares vest in equal monthly installments over the following three years.
- Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, these options were assumed by Hologic and converted into options to acquire that number of shares of Hologic common stock which is equal to the number of shares of common stock of the Registrant subject to such options immediately prior to the merger multiplied by 4.51174963 with a per share exercise price equal to the quotient determined by dividing the per share exercise price of such options immediately prior to the merger by 4.51174963.
- The performance stock rights were canceled pursuant to the Merger Agreement and converted into the right to receive a payment in cash, without interest and less the amount of any required tax withholding, equal to the product of: (i) \$82.75 (the per share merger consideration pursuant to the Merger Agreement); and (ii) 4,813 (which amount equals 150% of the target number of shares of common stock of the Registrant underlying the performance stock rights).
- The performance stock rights were canceled pursuant to the Merger Agreement and converted into the right to receive a payment in cash, without interest and less the amount of any required tax withholding, equal to the product of: (i) \$82.75 (the per share merger consideration pursuant to the Merger Agreement); and (ii) 8,271 (which amount equals 150% of the target number of shares of common stock of the Registrant underlying the performance stock rights).

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