GEN PROBE INC Form 4

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * NORDHOFF HENRY L

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

(Middle)

(Zip)

GEN PROBE INC [GPRO]

(Check all applicable)

GEN-PROBE

INCORPORATED, 10210 **GENETIC CENTER DRIVE** 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 09/19/2005

10% Owner _X__ Director X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

President and CEO

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

below)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

		Tubi	Table 1 Non Derivative Securities required, Disposed of, or Beneficiary Owned						
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
C			Code v	Amount	(D)	Titte			
Common Stock	09/19/2005		M	4,000	A	\$ 12.29	71,547	D	
Common Stock	09/19/2005		S <u>(1)</u>	4,000	D	\$ 48.068	67,547	D	

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 (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Transaction Derivative Code Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.29	09/19/2005		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
X
President and CEO

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

10210 GENETIC CENTER DRIVE

Signatures

/s/ R. William Bowen, Attorney-in-Fact 09/19/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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