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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Middle)

(Zip)

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DeWalt Diana

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

GEN PROBE INC [GPRO]

(Month/Day/Year) 02/10/2011

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

GEN-PROBE

(Last)

(City)

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

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

Senior VP, Human Resources

(Street)

(State)

(First)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

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SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

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|-----------------|---------------------|---|----------------------------------|--|---------|--------------------|------------------|--------------|------------|--|
| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction Date | 3. | 4. Securi | ities A | cquired | 5. Amount of | 6. Ownership | 7. Nature of | | |
| Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transaction(A) or Disposed of | | | d of | Securities | Form: Direct | Indirect | |
| (Instr. 3) | • | any | Code | (D) | | | Beneficially | (D) or | Beneficial | |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | Owned | Indirect (I) | Ownership | |
| | | | | (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price | | Following | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | | | Reported | | | |
| | | | | | | | Transaction(s) | | | |
| | | | | | | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (D) | Price | (, | | | |
| Common | 02/10/2011 | | A | 1,673 | ٨ | Φ.Ω | 14 (74 (2) | Ъ | | |
| Stock | 02/10/2011 | | Α | (1) | Α | \$ 0 | 14,674 (2) | D | | |
| | | | | _ | | | | | | |
| Common | 02/10/2011 | | E (3) | 215 | D | \$ | 14.450 | D | | |
| Stock | 02/10/2011 | | <u> </u> | 213 | ע | 63.8 | 14,439 | D | | |
| Stock Common | 02/10/2011 | | Code V A $F^{(\underline{3})}$ | 1,673 | or | Price \$ 0 \$ 63.8 | * | D 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 | f 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exer | cisable and | 7. Titl | le and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|-------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative | e Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | orNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amou | ınt of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | /Year) | Under | rlying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivativ | e | | Secur | ities | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | S | | (Instr. | . 3 and 4) | | Owne |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | Follo |
| | | | | | (A) or | | | | | | Repo |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | | | Trans |
| | | | | | of (D) | | | | | | (Instr |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | A | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Amount | | |
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | or Title Numbe | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | C-1- V | (A) (D) | | | | of | | |
| | | | | Code v | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DeWalt Diana **GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED** 10210 GENETIC CENTER DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

Senior VP, Human Resources

Signatures

/s/ R. William Bowen, Attorney-in-Fact

02/14/2011

**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).
- The amount reported reflects shares of the Issuer's common stock issued to the Reporting Person pursuant to performance stock awards granted to the Reporting Person in February 2010. Shares issued to the Reporting Person pursuant to such awards vest one-third on the date of issuance, one-third on the first anniversary of the date of issuance and one-third on the second anniversary of the date of issuance, so long as the Reporting Person is employed by the Issuer on each such date.
- The amount reported includes an aggregate of 275 shares of common stock acquired under the Gen-Probe Incorporated Employee Stock Purchase Plan since the Reporting Person last filed a Form 4 with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- Withholding of stock to satisfy tax withholding obligation upon vesting of one-third of the shares issued to the Reporting Person as (3) described herein.

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