

KACIAN DANIEL L
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 KACIAN DANIEL L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

GEN-PROBE
 INCORPORATED, 10210
 GENETIC CENTER DRIVE

(Street)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GEN PROBE INC [GPRO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 04/08/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Exec. VP, Chief Scientist

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 04/08/2005 | | M | | 20,978 | A | \$ 12.29 |
| Common Stock | 04/08/2005 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 1,200 | D | \$ 50.15 |
| Common Stock | 04/08/2005 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 100 | D | \$ 50.14 |
| Common Stock | 04/08/2005 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 200 | D | \$ 50.13 |
| Common Stock | 04/08/2005 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 500 | D | \$ 50.12 |

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|--------------|------------|------------------|--------|---|----------|-----------------------|---|
| Common Stock | 04/08/2005 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 500 | D | \$ 50.08 | 18,478 ⁽²⁾ | D |
| Common Stock | 04/08/2005 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 100 | D | \$ 50.07 | 18,378 ⁽²⁾ | D |
| Common Stock | 04/08/2005 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 100 | D | \$ 50.06 | 18,278 ⁽²⁾ | D |
| Common Stock | 04/08/2005 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 300 | D | \$ 50.05 | 17,978 ⁽²⁾ | D |
| Common Stock | 04/08/2005 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 100 | D | \$ 50.04 | 17,878 ⁽²⁾ | D |
| Common Stock | 04/08/2005 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 16,900 | D | \$ 50 | 978 ⁽²⁾ | 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 12.29 | 04/08/2005 | | M | 15,694 | ⁽³⁾ 09/01/2011 | Common Stock | 15,694 | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 12.29 | 04/08/2005 | | M | 4,306 | ⁽⁵⁾ 06/01/2012 | Common Stock | 4,306 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KACIAN DANIEL L GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED 10210 GENETIC CENTER DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121 | | | Exec. VP, Chief Scientist | |

Signatures

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

04/12/2005

__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 March 10, 2005.
 - (2) Includes 978 shares acquired under the Gen-Probe Incorporated Employee Stock Purchase Plan from 6/20/03 through 12/31/04.
 - (3) Option vests as follows: 25% vest on 9/1/02; 1/48th vesting monthly following three years.
 - (4) On September 5, 2003, the Issuer declared a 100% stock dividend, payable to all record holders of the Issuer's common stock on September 16, 2003. The dividend shares were issued on September 30, 2003.
 - (5) Option vests as follows: 25% vest on 6/1/03; 1/48th vesting monthly following three years.

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