

NORDHOFF HENRY L  
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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 \*  
NORDHOFF HENRY L

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
GEN-PROBE  
INCORPORATED, 10210  
GENETIC CENTER DRIVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/17/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman and CEO

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	V	Amount				(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	09/17/2008		M			21,396	A	\$ 13.66	139,875	D	
Common Stock	09/17/2008		M			18,881	A	\$ 12.29	158,756	D	
Common Stock	09/17/2008		M			32,755	A	\$ 12.29	191,511	D	
Common Stock	09/17/2008		S			8,292	D	\$ 55.667	183,219	D	
Common Stock	09/17/2008		S			41,708	D	\$ 55.6667	141,511	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 (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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.66	09/17/2008		M	21,396	<sup>(1)</sup> 08/17/2010	Common Stock 21,396
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.29	09/17/2008		M	18,881	<sup>(1)</sup> 09/01/2011	Common Stock 18,881
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.29	09/17/2008		M	32,755	<sup>(1)</sup> 06/01/2012	Common Stock 32,755

## 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		Chairman and CEO	

## Signatures

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

09/19/2008

\_\_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 Stock Option is fully vested and exercisable; 25% of the shares subject to the Stock Option vested one year after the date of the grant, and the remaining shares vested in equal monthly installments over the following three years.

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