NORDHOFF HENRY L

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(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		
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED, 10210 GENETIC CENTER DRIVE	(Month/Day/Year) 02/07/2005	_X Director 10% Owner Step Other (give title below) Delow) President & CEO		
(Street)	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		
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(City)	(State) ((Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly 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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/07/2005		M	4,000	A	\$ 12.29	49,458	D	
Common Stock	02/07/2005		S <u>(1)</u>	300	D	\$ 49.3	49,158	D	
Common Stock	02/07/2005		S <u>(1)</u>	1,500	D	\$ 49.29	47,658	D	
Common Stock	02/07/2005		S <u>(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 49.26	47,558	D	
Common Stock	02/07/2005		S(1)	400	D	\$ 49.25	47,158	D	

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Common Stock	02/07/2005	S(1)	200	D	\$ 49.22	46,958	D
Common Stock	02/07/2005	S(1)	500	D	\$ 49.2	46,458	D
Common Stock	02/07/2005	S(1)	100	D	\$ 49.09	46,358	D
Common Stock	02/07/2005	S(1)	300	D	\$ 49.07	46,058	D
Common Stock	02/07/2005	S(1)	200	D	\$ 49.06	45,858	D
Common Stock	02/07/2005	S <u>(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 49.05	45,758	D
Common Stock	02/07/2005	S <u>(1)</u>	61	D	\$ 49.04	45,697	D
Common Stock	02/07/2005	S(1)	100	D	\$ 49.03	45,597	D
Common Stock	02/07/2005	S(1)	100	D	\$ 49.02	45,497	D
Common Stock	02/07/2005	S(1)	39	D	\$ 49.01	45,458	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. Transac Code (Instr. 8	5. Number tion Derivative Securities (a) Acquired (b) Acquired (c) Or Disposed of (c) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code '	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 12.29	02/07/2005		M	4,000	(2)	06/01/2012	Common Stock	4,000

(Right to Buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			•	
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

NORDHOFF HENRY L GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED 10210 GENETIC CENTER DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

X President & CEO

Relationships

Signatures

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

02/07/2005

**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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