

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)  
 01/04/2010

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)			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	01/04/2010		M			24,251	A	\$ 12.29	61,015	D	
Common Stock	01/04/2010		M			36,749	A	\$ 13.655	97,764	D	
Common Stock	01/04/2010		M			70,000	A	\$ 29.525	167,764	D	
Common Stock	01/04/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>			88,928	A	\$ 43.0136	78,836	D	
								<u>(2)</u>			

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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.29	01/04/2010		M	9,544	<u>(3)</u> 09/01/2011	Common Stock	9,544
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.29	01/04/2010		M	14,707	<u>(4)</u> 06/01/2012	Common Stock	14,707
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.655	01/04/2010		M	36,749	<u>(5)</u> 08/17/2010	Common Stock	36,749
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.525	01/04/2010		M	70,000	<u>(6)</u> 08/15/2013	Common Stock	70,000

## 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

01/06/2010

\_\_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 exercise of options to purchase an aggregate of 88,928 shares of common stock of the issuer and the sale of such shares of common stock were in each case effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on September 18, 2009.  
This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$42.78 to \$43.26. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price for these transactions. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the reported transactions were effected.
- (2) The stock option became fully vested and exercisable as of September 1, 2005.
- (3) The stock option became fully vested and exercisable as of June 1, 2006.
- (4) The stock option became fully vested and exercisable as of August 17, 2004.
- (5) The stock option became fully vested and exercisable as of August 15, 2007.

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