GEN PROBE INC Form 4 April 06, 2005

FORM 4

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

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See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * NORDHOFF HENRY L

> (First) (Middle)

GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED, 10210 **GENETIC CENTER DRIVE**

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(Street)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

GEN PROBE INC [GPRO] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 04/04/2005

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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(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 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	04/04/2005		M	4,000	A	\$ 12.29	51,547 <u>(1)</u>	D	
Common Stock	04/04/2005		S(2)	271	D	\$ 43.81	51,276	D	
Common Stock	04/04/2005		S(2)	100	D	\$ 43.8	51,176	D	
Common Stock	04/04/2005		S(2)	699	D	\$ 43.79	50,477	D	
Common Stock	04/04/2005		S(2)	100	D	\$ 43.68	50,377	D	

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Common Stock	04/04/2005	S(2)			43.67		D
Common Stock	04/04/2005	S(2)	2,130	D	\$ 43.65	48,147	D
Common Stock	04/04/2005	S(2)	79		\$ 43.64		D
Common Stock	04/04/2005	S(2)	521	D	\$ 43.63	47,547	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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
	Security			Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.29	04/04/2005		M	4,000	(3)	06/01/2012	Common Stock	4,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
NORDHOFF HENRY L GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED 10210 GENETIC CENTER DRIVE	X		President & CEO			
SAN DIEGO, CA 92121						

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Signatures

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

04/06/2005

**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) Due to an inadvertent error on a prior Form 4 filed by the reporting person, the number of shares owned was understated by 4,089. The balance here has been adjusted to reflect the accurate balance.
- 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.
- (3) Option vests as follows: 25% vest on 6/1/03; 1/48th vesting monthly following three years.

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