

Tardif Eric
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Â Tardif Eric

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O GEN-PROBE
 INCORPORATED,Â 10210
 GENETIC CENTER DRIVE

(Street)

SAN DIEGO,Â CAÂ 92121

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/12/2009

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

GEN PROBE INC [GPRO]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner

Officer Other

(give title below) (specify below)

Sr. VP - Corporate Strategy

5. 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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

Common Stock

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

200

3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

I

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

By Spouse

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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|---------------------|--------------------|-------|----------------------------------|----------|--|
| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------|----------------------------------|----------|--|

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Tardif Eric C/O GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED 10210 GENETIC CENTER DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121 | Â | Â | Â Sr. VP - Corporate Strategy | Â |

Signatures

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

01/21/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
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