

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)  
12/19/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/19/2006                           |  | M                              | A   | \$ 20,000   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/19/2006                           |  | S                              | D   | \$ 52.26  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/19/2006                           |  | S                              | D   | \$ 52.11  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/19/2006                           |  | S                              | D   | \$ 51.88  | 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. 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 13.655  | 12/19/2006                           |  | M                              | 20,000  | <u>(1)</u> 08/17/2010                                    | Common Stock  | 20,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

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

12/19/2006

\_\_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) Option vested as follows: 25% vested on 8/17/01, with 1/36th vesting monthly over the following two years.

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