

Tardif Eric
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
 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)
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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	^	^	^	^
			Sr. VP - Corporate Strategy	

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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