

GEN PROBE INC
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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 *
Jorgine Ellerbrock

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O 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)
02/10/2011

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)
Senior VP, Operations

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) (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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/10/2011		A		1,615 (1)	A	\$ 0 8,202 (2)	D
Common Stock	02/10/2011		F(3)		207	D	\$ 63.8 7,995	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)

Table with 10 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5), 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5). Sub-headers include Date Exercisable, Expiration Date, Title, and Amount or Number of Shares.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships. Includes Jorgine Ellerbrock, C/O GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED, 10210 GENETIC CENTER DRIVE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92121, Senior VP, Operations.

Signatures

/s/ R. William Bowen, Attorney-in-Fact, 02/14/2011. 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 amount reported reflects shares of the Issuer's common stock issued to the Reporting Person pursuant to performance stock awards granted to the Reporting Person in February 2010. Shares issued to the Reporting Person pursuant to such awards vest one-third on the date of issuance, one-third on the first anniversary of the date of issuance and one-third on the second anniversary of the date of issuance, so long as the Reporting Person is employed by the Issuer on each such date.
(2) The amount reported includes an aggregate of 87 shares of common stock acquired under the Gen-Probe Incorporated Employee Stock Purchase Plan since the Reporting Person last filed a Form 4 with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
(3) Withholding of stock to satisfy tax withholding obligation upon vesting of one-third of the shares issued to the Reporting Person as described herein.

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