

GEN PROBE INC  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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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 *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â GARGAN PAUL E		(Month/Day/Year)	GEN PROBE INC [GPRO]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	03/02/2009	
GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED,Â 10210 GENETIC CENTER DRIVE			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
SAN DIEGO,Â CAÂ 92121			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			SVP, Business Dev.	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	18,697	D	Â

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)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (1)	08/15/2013	Common Stock	4,342	\$ 29.525	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (1)	09/13/2014	Common Stock	1,910	\$ 36.59	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	10/17/2015	Common Stock	6,250	\$ 42.5	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (3)	08/15/2013	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 49.29	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (4)	08/15/2014	Common Stock	18,000	\$ 60.82	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (5)	08/15/2015	Common Stock	13,500	\$ 60.15	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GARGAN PAUL E GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED 10210 GENETIC CENTER DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121	Â	Â	Â SVP, Business Dev.	Â

## Signatures

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

03/12/2009

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- \*\* 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 stock option is fully vested and exercisable.
- (2) 4,250 of the shares subject to the stock option are exercisable as of the date hereof. The remaining shares vest in equal monthly installments, such that the option will be fully vested and exercisable on 10/17/09.
- (3) 9,375 of the shares subject to the stock option are exercisable as of the date hereof. The remaining shares vest in equal monthly installments, such that the option will be fully vested and exercisable on 8/15/10.
- (4) 6,750 of the shares subject to the stock option are exercisable as of the date hereof. The remaining shares vest in equal monthly installments, such that the option will be fully vested and exercisable on 8/15/11.
- (5) 25% of the shares subject to the stock option vest and become exercisable on 8/15/09. Thereafter, the remaining shares vest in 36 equal monthly installments, such that the option will be fully vested and exercisable on 8/15/12.

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