

GEN PROBE INC
Form 8-K
August 14, 2008

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 13, 2008

Gen-Probe Incorporated

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

001-31279
(Commission
File Number)

33-0044608
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

10210 Genetic Center Drive
San Diego, CA
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

92121
(Zip Code)

(858) 410-8000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On August 13, 2008, Gen-Probe Incorporated (the Company) issued a news release announcing that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (the FDA) has approved the Company's supplemental regulatory application to use the PROCLEIX® ULTRIO® assay to screen donated blood for the hepatitis B virus. The FDA had previously approved the assay to screen donated blood for HIV-1 and the hepatitis C virus. The assay is now approved to screen donated blood, plasma, organs and tissue for the three viruses in individual blood donations or in pools of up to 16 blood samples. The assay may be run on the enhanced semi-automated PROCLEIX system (eSAS) and on the fully automated, high-throughput PROCLEIX TIGRIS® system. A copy of the Company's news release with respect to this matter is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

| Exhibit Number | Description |
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| 99.1 | News release dated August 13, 2008 |

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 13, 2008

GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED

By: /s/ R. William Bowen
R. William Bowen
Senior Vice President, General Counsel
and Corporate Secretary

EXHIBITS

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