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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DeWalt Diana

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(Middle)

(Zip)

GEN PROBE INC [GPRO]

(Check all applicable)

GEN-PROBE

INCORPORATED, 10210 **GENETIC CENTER DRIVE** 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

02/10/2012

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

Senior VP, Human Resources

(Street)

(State)

(First)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Table I Non Derivative Securities Acquired Disposed of an Paneficially Ov

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City)

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1.Title of	2. Transaction Date		3.	4. Securi		•	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio		.*		Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	, , ,			Beneficially Owned	(D) or Indirect (I)	Beneficial Ownership
		(Month Buy Tear)	(mstr. 0)				Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(A)		Reported		
					or		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/10/2012		M	1,430 (1)	A	\$0	17,059 (2)	D	
Common Stock	02/10/2012		F(3)	496	D	\$ 69.22	16,563	D	
Common Stock	02/10/2012		F(4)	214	D	\$ 69.22	16,349	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 orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amor or Numl of Share
Performance Stock Rights	\$ 0	02/10/2012		A	228 (5)		02/10/2012	02/10/2014	Common Stock	228
Performance Stock Rights	\$ 0	02/10/2012		M		1,430 (1)	<u>(6)</u>	02/10/2014	Common Stock	1,43

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED 10210 GENETIC CENTER DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

Senior VP, Human Resources

Signatures

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

02/14/2012

**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).
- The amount reported reflects shares of the Issuer's common stock issued to the Reporting Person pursuant to performance stock rights granted to the Reporting Person in February 2011.
- (2) The amount reported includes an aggregate of 180 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 shares issued to the Reporting Person as described herein.
- (4) Withholding of stock to satisfy tax withholding obligation upon vesting of shares previously issued to the Reporting Person.
- (5) Represents additional shares subject to the performance stock rights awarded to the Reporting Person in February 2012 based on actual achievement.

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- (6) Remaining shares subject to the performance stock rights vest and may be issued to the Reporting Person in February 2013 and February 2014 based on the Issuer's adjusted relative stockholder return during the applicable performance periods.
- The amount reported reflects the remaining target number of shares of Issuer common stock that may be issued to the Reporting Person (7) based on the Issuer's adjusted relative stockholder return for the remaining performance periods. Based on actual achievement, the Reporting Person may receive between 0% and 200% of the remaining target number of shares of Issuer common stock reported herein.

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