

KACIAN DANIEL L
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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 *
KACIAN DANIEL L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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)
01/09/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
Exec. VP, Chief Scientist

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	01/09/2006		M		17,523	A	\$ 12.29
Common Stock	01/09/2006		M		2,477	A	\$ 13.655
Common Stock	01/09/2006		S(1)		20,000	D	\$ 52.5

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 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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.29	01/09/2006		M	1,920	<u>(2)</u>	09/01/2011	Common Stock	1,920
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.29	01/09/2006		M	15,603	<u>(3)</u>	06/01/2012	Common Stock	15,603
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.655	01/09/2006		M	2,477	<u>(4)</u>	08/17/2010	Common Stock	2,477

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KACIAN DANIEL L GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED 10210 GENETIC CENTER DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121			Exec. VP, Chief Scientist	

Signatures

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

01/10/2006

**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 sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on September 16, 2005.
- (2) Option vests as follows: 25% vest on 9/1/02; 1/48th vesting monthly following three years.
- (3) Option vests as follows: 25% vest on 6/1/03; 1/48th vesting monthly following three years.
- (4) Option vests as follows: 25% vest on 8/17/01; 1/36th vesting monthly following two years.

(5) On July 23, 2002, the Issuer reduced outstanding stock options by a factor of .8241-for-one in connection with its merger with Gen-Probe Holding Company, Inc. On August 13, 2002, the Issuer effected a .366153-for-one reverse stock split and reduced outstanding stock options by the same factor. On September 30, 2003, the Issuer paid a 100% stock dividend and adjusted outstanding stock options to reflect the dividend.

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