

GEN PROBE INC
Form 8-K
September 05, 2003

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**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): **September 5, 2003**

Gen-Probe Incorporated

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

0-49834
(Commission
File Number)

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

**10210 Genetic Center Drive
San Diego, CA 92121**
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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

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Item 5. Other Events.

On September 5, 2003, Gen-Probe Incorporated (Gen-Probe) announced that its Board of Directors approved a two-for-one stock split to be implemented as a 100% stock dividend (the Stock Dividend). Each Gen-Probe stockholder of record as of September 16, 2003 will receive one additional share of Common Stock for each share of Common Stock held as of that date. The additional shares of Common Stock will be distributed on or about September 30, 2003 by Gen-Probe s transfer agent, Mellon Investor Services L.L.C. In addition, the number of shares of Common Stock reserved for issuance or subject to outstanding options granted under Gen-Probe s employee stock purchase and stock option plans will increase by 100%. Gen-Probe hereby incorporates by reference the contents of the news release announcing the Stock Dividend filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibit:

99.1 News release of Gen-Probe Incorporated dated September 5, 2003.

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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: September 5, 2003

GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED

By: /s/ R. William Bowen

R. William Bowen
Vice President, General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary

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