

GEN PROBE INC  
Form 8-K  
March 12, 2010

**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): March 10, 2010**

**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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

The following disclosure is provided pursuant to subsection (e) of Item 5.02 of Form 8-K.

On March 10, 2010, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Gen-Probe Incorporated (the Company ) awarded a discretionary cash bonus in the amount of \$150,000 to Henry L. Nordhoff for his service as Chief Executive Officer of the Company from January 1, 2009 to May 17, 2009 and in appreciation of his many years of service to the Company. Mr. Nordhoff retired from his position as Chief Executive Officer on May 17, 2009 and now serves as Chairman of the Company s Board of Directors.

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**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: March 12, 2010

GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED

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