**GEN PROBE INC** Form 4 July 20, 2005

## FORM 4

#### **OMB APPROVAL**

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* MIMMS LARRY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol GEN PROBE INC [GPRO]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner

**GEN-PROBE** 

(Month/Day/Year) 07/18/2005

X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Executive VP, Research and Dev.

INCORPORATED, 10210 **GENETIC CENTER DRIVE** 

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Street) Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

(Zip)

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(State)

(City)

		Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed bi, or Deficiency Owned								
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)  (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price				Beneficially Form: Directly Owned (D) or	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Et Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	07/18/2005		M	400	A	\$ 12.29	8,040	D		
Common Stock	07/18/2005		S <u>(1)</u>	400	D	\$ 42.375	7,640	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.29	07/18/2005		M	400	(2)	09/01/2011	Common Stock	400

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

Executive VP, Research and Dev.

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### **Signatures**

/s/ R. William Bowen, Attorney-in-Fact 07/20/2005

\*\*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 May 26, 2005.
- (2) Option vests as follows: 25% vest on 9/1/02; 1/48th vesting monthly following three years.

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