

Lai Eric Hon Cheong
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â Lai Eric Hon Cheong (Last) (First) (Middle) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 02/02/2009 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GEN PROBE INC [GPRO] | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
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GEN-PROBE
 INCORPORATED,Â 10210
 GENETIC CENTER DRIVE
 (Street)

SAN DIEGO,Â CAÂ 92121
 (City) (State) (Zip)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
 Officer ____ Other
 (give title below) (specify below)
 Sr. V.P., Research & Dev.

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Exercisable Expiration Date | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title Amount or Number of | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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Shares or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Lai Eric Hon Cheong GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED 10210 GENETIC CENTER DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121 | Â | Â | Â Sr. V.P., Research & Dev. | Â |

Signatures

/s/ R. William Bowen 02/12/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

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