

BOWEN R WILLIAM  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
BOWEN R WILLIAM

(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)  
02/10/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior VP, General Counsel

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 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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |     |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Code  | V  | Amount                            | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---|--|
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| Security (Instr. 3)         | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) |                 |              |                            |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|---|------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|                             |  |                      | Code V          | (A)   | (D)              | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 69.22                                 | 02/10/2012           | A               | 26,892  | (1)              | 02/10/2019       |                 | Common Stock | 26,892                     |
| Performance Stock Rights    | (2)                                      | 02/10/2012           | A               | 11,028  | (2)              | 02/10/2015       |                 | Common Stock | 11,028                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                            |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                    | Other |
| BOWEN R WILLIAM<br>GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED<br>10210 GENETIC CENTER DRIVE<br>SAN DIEGO, CA 92121 |               |           | Senior VP, General Counsel |       |

## Signatures

/s/ R. William  
Bowen 02/14/2012

\*\*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) 25% of the shares subject to the stock option vest on February 10, 2013, and the remaining shares vest in equal monthly installments over the following three years.

The amount reported reflects the maximum number of shares of Issuer common stock that may be issued to the Reporting Person based on the Issuer's adjusted relative stockholder return over a three-year performance period commencing on February 10, 2012. Shares subject to performance stock rights vest and may be issued to the Reporting Person as follows: one-third of the shares vest and may be issued to the Reporting Person on each of the first anniversary, second anniversary and third anniversary of the performance stock right grant date, so long as the Reporting Person is employed by the Issuer on each such date. Based on actual achievement, the Reporting Person may receive between 0% and 100% of the number of shares of Issuer common stock reported herein.

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