

Tardif Eric  
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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 \*  
Tardif Eric

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O 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)  
08/01/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP, Corp Dev & Market

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ 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 Following 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)	Price		
Common Stock	08/01/2012		D	(1)	\$ 3,373 82.75	0	D
Common Stock	08/01/2012		D		\$ 200 82.75	0	I By Spouse

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	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
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.95	08/01/2012		D	7,813	<u>(2)</u> 03/02/2016	Common Stock 7,813
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.51	08/01/2012		D	5,688	<u>(2)</u> 08/17/2016	Common Stock 5,688
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 42.66	08/01/2012		D	17,365	<u>(2)</u> 02/10/2017	Common Stock 17,365
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 63.8	08/01/2012		D	21,081	<u>(2)</u> 02/10/2018	Common Stock 21,081
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 69.22	08/01/2012		D	21,843	<u>(3)</u> 02/10/2019	Common Stock 21,843
Performance Stock Rights	\$ 0	08/01/2012		D	2,395	<u>(5)</u> 02/10/2014	Common Stock 2,395
Performance Stock Rights	\$ 0	08/01/2012		D	8,958	<u>(6)</u> 02/10/2015	Common Stock 8,958

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Tardif Eric C/O GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED 10210 GENETIC CENTER DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121			SVP, Corp Dev & Market	

## Signatures

/s/ Andrew S. Greenhalgh,  
Attorney-in-Fact

08/02/2012

\_\_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) The amount reported includes an aggregate of 211 shares of common stock acquired under the Registrant's Employee Stock Purchase Plan since the Reporting Person last filed a Form 4 with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

This stock option was canceled pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of April 29, 2012, by and among the Registrant, Hologic, Inc. ("Hologic"), and Gold Acquisition Corp. (the "Merger Agreement"), in exchange for a payment in cash, without interest and less the amount of any required tax withholding, equal to the product of: (i) the excess of \$82.75 (the per share merger consideration pursuant to the Merger Agreement) over the exercise price of the stock option; and (ii) the number of shares of common stock of the Registrant underlying the stock option.

- (3) 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.

- (4) Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, these options were assumed by Hologic and converted into options to acquire that number of shares of Hologic common stock which is equal to the number of shares of common stock of the Registrant subject to such options immediately prior to the merger multiplied by 4.51174963 with a per share exercise price equal to the quotient determined by dividing the per share exercise price of such options immediately prior to the merger by 4.51174963.

- (5) The performance stock rights were canceled pursuant to the Merger Agreement and converted into the right to receive a payment in cash, without interest and less the amount of any required tax withholding, equal to the product of: (i) \$82.75 (the per share merger consideration pursuant to the Merger Agreement); and (ii) 3,592 (which amount equals 150% of the target number of shares of common stock of the Registrant underlying the performance stock rights).

- (6) The performance stock rights were canceled pursuant to the Merger Agreement and converted into the right to receive a payment in cash, without interest and less the amount of any required tax withholding, equal to the product of: (i) \$82.75 (the per share merger consideration pursuant to the Merger Agreement); and (ii) 6,718 (which amount equals 150% of the target number of shares of common stock of the Registrant underlying the performance stock rights).

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