

GEN PROBE INC  
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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
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**Gen-Probe Incorporated**

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You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above company, and the materials you should review before you cast your vote are now available.

**This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.**

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

**Stockholder Meeting to be held on 05/14/09**

**Proxy Materials Available**

Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials

Proxy Statement

Annual Report

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**To facilitate timely delivery please make the request as instructed below on or before 04/30/09.**

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**Meeting Information**

Meeting Type: Annual  
Meeting Date: 05/14/09  
Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m. Local Time  
For holders as of: 03/19/09

**Meeting Location:**

Gen-Probe Incorporated  
10210 Genetic Center Drive  
San Diego, CA 92121

**How To Vote**

**Vote In Person**

Many stockholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

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**Voting items**

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF EACH NOMINEE IN ITEM 1 AND FOR ITEMS 2, 3 AND 4.**

1. To elect the three nominees for director named below for a three-year term to expire at the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

The present Board of Directors of Gen-Probe Incorporated has nominated and recommends for election as director the following individuals:

**Nominees:**

- 1a. John W. Brown
  - 1b. John C. Martin Ph.D.
  - 1c. Henry L. Nordhoff
2. To approve an amendment to The 2003 Incentive Award Plan of Gen-Probe Incorporated to increase the number of shares of common stock authorized for issuance thereunder by 2,500,000 shares.
  3. To ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent auditors of Gen-Probe Incorporated for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009.
  4. To approve, through a non-binding advisory vote, the Board of Directors proposed appointment of Carl W. Hull to the Board of Directors of Gen-Probe Incorporated, effective May 18, 2009.
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