

GEN PROBE INC  
Form 8-K  
August 08, 2003

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **August 7, 2003**

**Gen-Probe Incorporated**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**0-49834**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**33-0044608**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**10210 Genetic Center Drive  
San Diego, CA 92121**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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**(858) 410-8000**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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**Item 5. Other Events and Required FD Disclosure.**

On August 8, 2003, the Company announced that it paid approximately \$7.2 million in cash to acquire 65.6% of the outstanding shares of Molecular Light Technology Limited ( MLT ) giving the Company a total ownership of 82.6% when added to the 17% previously held by it. The acquisition values MLT at \$11 million. Gen-Probe has the option to, and in certain circumstances may be required to, acquire the remaining 17.5% of MLT over the next five years. This announcement is more fully described in the press release filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. The contents of such Exhibit are incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 7. Financial Statements, *Pro Forma* Financial Information and Exhibits.**

- (c) Exhibit
  - 99.1 Press release of Gen-Probe Incorporated dated August 8, 2003.
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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 8, 2003

GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED

By: /S/ Henry L. Nordhoff

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Henry L. Nordhoff  
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

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**EXHIBITS**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release of Gen-Probe Incorporated dated August 8, 2003