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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

SULLIVAN PATRICK J

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

09/17/2010

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

GEN PROBE INC [GPRO]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Officer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

GEN-PROBE

INCORPORATED, 10210 GENETIC CENTER DRIVE

(Street)

(Check all applicable) 10% Owner _X_ Director

(give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

SAN DIEGO. CAÂ 92121

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

Other

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (Instr. 5)

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security**

Conversion or Exercise Price of

4

5. Ownership Form of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

(Instr. 4)

Expiration Title Date Exercisable Date

Amount or Number of Derivative Security: Security Direct (D)

Shares

or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SULLIVAN PATRICK J GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED 10210 GENETIC CENTER DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CAÂ 92121

X Â Â Â

Signatures

/s/ R. William Bowen, Attorney-in-Fact

09/27/2010

**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).
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