

GEN PROBE INC  
Form 8-K  
December 22, 2005

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
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): **December 22, 2005**

**Gen-Probe Incorporated**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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

**001-31279**  
(Commission File Number)

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

**10210 Genetic Center Drive  
San Diego, CA 92121**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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

**N/A**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 (d). Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On December 22, 2005, Gen-Probe Incorporated ( Gen-Probe ) issued a press release announcing that it appointed John W. Brown as a member of the Board of Directors of Gen-Probe. Mr. Brown will serve as a member of the class of directors serving in office until the company s 2006 annual meeting of stockholders. Mr. Brown will serve on Gen-Probe s Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The appointment of Mr. Brown as a member of the Board of Directors of Gen-Probe was effective as of December 22, 2005. The text of the press release is set forth as Exhibit 99.1, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated December 22, 2005.

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**SIGNATURES**

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.

**Gen-Probe Incorporated**

Date: December 22, 2005

By: /s/ R. William Bowen  
R. William Bowen  
Vice President and General Counsel

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<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release dated December 22, 2005.