

GEN PROBE INC  
Form 8-K  
February 17, 2009

**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): February 17, 2009**

**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**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**92121**

(Zip Code)

**(858) 410-8000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On February 17, 2009, Gen-Probe Incorporated issued a news release announcing its financial results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. A copy of the news release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information furnished pursuant to this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, regardless of any general incorporation language in any such filing, unless Gen-Probe expressly sets forth in such filing that such information is to be considered filed or incorporated by reference therein.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) The following exhibit is furnished with this Current Report:

99.1 News release dated February 17, 2009

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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: February 17, 2009

GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED

By: /s/ R. William Bowen  
R. William Bowen  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
and  
Corporate Secretary

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**EXHIBITS**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	News release dated February 17, 2009