GEN PROBE INC Form 8-K December 08, 2005

## 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 8, 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)

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#### Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On June 11, 1998, Gen-Probe Incorporated and Chiron Corporation executed a letter agreement whereby Gen-Probe consented, on specified conditions and in accordance with Section 15.3.1 of the Agreement between Gen-Probe and Chiron dated as of June 11, 1998 (Agreement), to Chiron s assignment of its rights under the Agreement to transferees other than particular parties specified in the letter agreement.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

## Exhibit

NumberDescription10.86Letter Agreement between Gen-Probe Incorporated and Chiron Corporation, dated June 11, 1998.\*

\* Gen-Probe has requested confidential treatment with respect to certain portions of this exhibit.

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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 8, 2005

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

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