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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 17, 2006 Gen-Probe Incorporated

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware001-3127933-0044608(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)(Commission File Number)(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

10210 Genetic Center Drive

San Diego, CA 92121
(Address of Principal Executive (Zip Code)
Offices)

(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):

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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(b) On December 17, 2006, Brian A. McNamee, M.B.B.S., a director of Gen-Probe Incorporated (the Company), informed the Company that he would not stand for re-election at the Company s 2007 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Dr. McNamee, resident in Australia, indicated his decision was prompted by the increasing demands on his time as Chief Executive Officer of CSL Ltd., a global biopharmaceutical company, and personal commitments. Dr. McNamee has served as a director of the Company since September 2002.

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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: December 20, 2006 GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED

By: /s/ R. William Bowen R. William Bowen

Vice President, General Counsel and

Corporate Secretary