

GEN PROBE INC  
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**Gen-Probe Incorporated**

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*This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.*

The following materials are available for view:

**Notice, Proxy Statement and Annual Report**

To view this material, have the 12-digit Control #(s) available and visit: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)

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**GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED**

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Many stockholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the Meeting you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

**Vote By Internet**

To vote *now* by Internet, go to [WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM](http://WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM). Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time the day before the meeting date. Have your notice in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions.

**Meeting Location**

The Annual Meeting for holders as of 03/20/08  
is to be held on 05/15/08 at 10:00 A.M. Local Time  
at: Gen-Probe Incorporated  
10210 Genetic Center Drive  
San Diego, CA 92121

**If you need directions to the meeting, please call:  
(858) 410-8000**

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**Voting items**

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR ITEMS 1 AND 2.**

1. To elect three directors for a three-year term to expire at the 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The present Board of Directors of the Company has nominated and recommends for election as director the following individuals:

**Nominees:**

- 1a. Raymond V. Dittamore
  - 1b. Abraham D. Sofaer
  - 1c. Phillip M. Schneider
  2. Proposal to ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008.
  3. In their discretion, upon such other matters that may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.
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