

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* RUBASH MARK J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC [ISRG]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/24/2017			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
1020 KIFER ROAD			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			
(Street)	(City)	(State)	(Zip)	SUNNYVALE CA 94086		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	10/24/2017		M		3,000	A	\$123.7733	6,453 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	10/24/2017 ⁽¹⁾		S ⁽²⁾		3,000	D	\$371.1707	3,453	D	
Common Stock	10/24/2017		M ⁽²⁾		3,000	A	\$193.08	6,453 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	10/24/2017		S		3,000	D	\$371.1731	3,453 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	10/24/2017		M		750	A	\$119.0633	4,203 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	10/24/2017		S ⁽²⁾		750	D	\$371.1731	3,453 ⁽¹⁾	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$119.0633	10/24/2017		M			750	(3)	04/21/2021	Common Stock	750	\$0.0	0 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$123.7733	10/24/2017		M			3,000	(3)	04/24/2024	Common Stock	3,000	\$0.0	189 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$193.08	10/24/2017	(1)	M			3,000	(3)	04/19/2022	Common Stock	3,000	\$0.0	4,500 ⁽¹⁾	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- On October 6, 2017, the common stock and equity grants of Intuitive Surgical split 3-for-1, resulting in the reporting person's ownership of the company's stock and equity grants to increase (for every one share owned or granted, 2 additional shares were issued) and the exercise price of stock option grants to decrease to 1/3rd of the original grant price.
- These shares were sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan, entered into on August 21, 2017.
- Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan. Option shall vest 100% one year after the date of grant or at the next Shareholders Meeting, whichever should take place first, provided that vesting will cease on termination of the Directors service to the Company.

By: Lori Serrano For: Mark J Rubash 10/26/2017

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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