

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
March 13, 2009**

**ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Intuitive Surgical, Inc.

File No. 000-30713 - CF# 23296

Intuitive Surgical, Inc. submitted an application under Rule 24b-2 requesting confidential treatment for information it excluded from the Exhibits to a Form 8-K filed on March 6, 2009.

Based on representations by Intuitive Surgical, Inc. that this information qualifies as confidential commercial or financial information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), the Division of Corporation Finance has determined not to publicly disclose it. Accordingly, excluded information from the following exhibit will not be released to the public for the time period specified:

Exhibit 10.1 through August 10, 2009

For the Commission, by the Division of Corporation Finance, pursuant to delegated authority:

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