

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>LEVY ALAN J</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1266 KIFER ROAD</u> (Street) <u>SUNNYVALE CA 94086</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC [ISRG]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>04/20/2012</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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	04/20/2012		M		4,250	A	\$135.39	6,463	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2012		S		4,250 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$575.0754 ⁽²⁾	2,213	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						Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$135.39	04/20/2012		M			4,250		(3)	04/23/2019	Common Stock	4,250	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- These shares were sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan, entered into on March 14, 2012.
- The average selling price for the transactions was \$575.075412. The shares sold at: \$569.00 - \$569.99 = 104 shares; \$570.00 to \$570.99 = 549 shares; \$571.00 - \$571.99 = 392 shares; \$572.00 - \$572.99 = 375 shares; \$573.00 - \$573.99 = 249 shares; \$574.00 - \$574.99 = 566 shares; \$575.00 - \$575.99 = 346 shares; \$576.00 = \$576.99 = 188 shares; \$577.00 - \$577.99 = 86 shares; \$578.00 - \$578.99 = 534 shares; \$579.00 - \$579.99 = 567 shares; \$580.00 - \$580.99 = 221 shares; \$581.00 - \$581.99 = 72 shares.
- 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 date.

By: Lori Serrano For: Alan J. Levy 04/24/2012

** 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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