

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>SMITH LONNIE M</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1020 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>04/19/2018</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	04/19/2018		M ⁽¹⁾		606	A	\$0.0	514,137	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2018		s ⁽²⁾		41,667	D	\$456.694 ⁽³⁾	472,470	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2018		s ⁽²⁾		5,000	D	\$456.694 ⁽³⁾	295,413	I	by Trust

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
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$462.71	04/19/2018		A		1,352		(4)	04/19/2028	Common Stock	1,352	\$0.0	1,352	D	
Restricted Stock Units	\$0.0	04/19/2018		M		606		(5)	02/21/2018	Common Stock	606	\$0.0	0	D	
Restricted Stock Units	\$0.0	04/19/2018		A		450		(6)	04/19/2022	Common Stock	450	\$0.0	450	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- These shares were acquired from the vest and release of an RSU grant previously issued to the Filer.
- These shares were sold pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on March 9, 2018.
- These shares were sold pursuant to a 10b5-1 Plan. The shares were sold at an average price of \$456.694. The actual selling price of the shares was: 1,109 at \$453.00 - \$453.99; 9,363 at \$454.00 - \$454.99; 4,680 at \$455.00 - \$455.99; 7,952 at \$456.00 - \$456.99; 12,279 at \$457.00 - \$457.99; 10,426 at \$458.00 - \$458.99; and 858 at \$459.00 - \$459.99.
- 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.
- 100% of the grant will vest on the anniversary date of the grant or the next Annual Shareholders Meeting, whichever takes place first, provided however that vesting will cease on termination of the Director's service to the company.
- Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) are granted pursuant to the 2010 Incentive Award Plan. The RSUs fully vest on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

By: Lori Serrano For: Lonnie M Smith 04/20/2018

** 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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