

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>DeSantis Robert</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1020 KIFER ROAD</u> _____ (Street) <u>SUNNYVALE CA 94086</u> _____ (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>04/01/2020</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC [ISRG]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Executive VP & GM IA&E</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>4,381</u>	<u>D</u>	

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
<u>Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>08/15/2026</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>382</u>	<u>230.9967</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>02/16/2026</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>383</u>	<u>178.3867</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>02/28/2030</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>1,450</u>	<u>533.96</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Restricted Stock Units</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>02/15/2021</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Restricted Stock Units</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>02/15/2022</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>1,916</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Restricted Stock Units</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>02/15/2023</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>2,124</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Restricted Stock Units</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>02/28/2024</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>2,899</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>D</u>	

Explanation of Responses:

- Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the 2010 Employee Stock Option Plan. The option vests 1/8th six months after the date of grant and 1/48th monthly thereafter.
- Each RSU granted represents a contingent right to receive one share of Intuitive Surgical common stock. The grant vests 25% on the first anniversary of the date of grant and annually thereafter, over a four year period.

Remarks:

Exhibit 24.1 - Power of Attorney

By: Donna Spinola For: Robert DeSantis 04/10/2020

** 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 5 (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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these present that the undersigned hereby authorizes (i) Lori Serrano, (ii) Donna Spinola, (iii) Brian King and (iv) Siang Chin of Intuitive Surgical, Inc.(the “**Company**”) and (v) any attorney employed in the Menlo Park, CA office of Latham & Watkins LLP and each of them individually to execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned’s capacity as an officer and/or director of the Company, Forms 3, 4 and 5, and other forms as may be required, any amendments thereto, and cause such form(s) to be filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**SEC**”) pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Act of 1934, relating to the undersigned’s beneficial ownership of securities in the Company. The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact’s substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned’s responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned’s holdings of, and transactions in, securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 27th day of March 2020.

/s/ Robert J DeSantis

Signature

Robert J DeSantis

Print Name