
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 2, 2017

INTUITIVE SURGICAL, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

000-30713
(Commission File Number)

77-0416458
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1020 Kifer Road
Sunnyvale, California 94086
(Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (408) 523-2100

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) On February 2, 2017, George J. Stalk, Jr. informed the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Intuitive Surgical, Inc. (the “Company”) that he has decided to retire from the Board and accordingly will not stand for re-election to the Board at the Company’s 2017 annual meeting of stockholders. Mr. Stalk plans to continue to serve on the Board and as a member of the Audit Committee of the Board until the Company’s 2017 annual meeting of stockholders.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

INTUITIVE SURGICAL, INC.

Date: February 8, 2017

By /s/ Marshall L. Mohr

Name: Marshall L. Mohr

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer