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FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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			or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940								
1. Name and Address		Person*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC [ ISRG ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title Other (specify							
(Last) 1020 KIFER RC	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/23/2018	X Office (give the Other (specify below)  VP & Principal Accounting Offi							
(Street) SUNNYVALE (City)	CA (State)	94086 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Application)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person								
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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 Disposed Of			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(11150.4)		
Common Stock	10/23/2018		M		178	A	\$328.4567	257	D			
Common Stock	10/23/2018		S <sup>(1)</sup>		178	D	<b>\$</b> 499	79	D			
Common Stock	10/23/2018		M		179	A	\$238.9133	258	D			
Common Stock	10/23/2018		<b>S</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		179	D	\$499.2663	79	D			
Common Stock	10/23/2018		M		106	A	\$230.9967	185	D			
Common Stock	10/23/2018		<b>S</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		106	D	\$499.2663	79	D			
Common Stock	10/23/2018		M		106	Α	\$178.3867	185	D			
Common Stock	10/23/2018		S <sup>(1)</sup>		106	D	\$499.2663	79	D			
Common Stock	10/23/2018		M		147	A	\$177.6833	226	D			
Common Stock	10/23/2018		<b>S</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		147	D	\$499.2663	79	D			
Common Stock	10/23/2018		M		148	A	\$171.3333	227	D			
Common Stock	10/23/2018		<b>S</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		148	D	\$499.2663	79	D			

## Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transa Code ( 8)	ode (Instr.   Derivative   (		Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	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)	\$171.3333	10/23/2018		M			148	(2)	02/17/2025	Common Stock	148	\$0.0	197	D	
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$177.6833	10/23/2018		M			147	(3)	08/17/2025	Common Stock	147	\$0.0	198	D	
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$178.3867	10/23/2018		М			106	(2)	02/16/2026	Common Stock	106	\$0.0	562	D	

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	vative Conversion Date Execution Dat urity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		Execution Date,	Code (Instr.		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)	\$230.9967	10/23/2018		М			106	(3)	08/15/2026	Common Stock	106	\$0.0	563	D	
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$238.9133	10/23/2018		М			179	(2)	02/15/2027	Common Stock	179	\$0.0	1,663	D	
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$328.4567	10/23/2018		М			178	(3)	08/15/2027	Common Stock	178	\$0.0	1,662	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. These shares were sold in accordance with a Trading Plan that complies with SEC Rule 10b5-1 and expires on November 1, 2018.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the 2010 Employee Stock Option Plan. Option shall vest 7/48 one month after the date of grant and 1/48th each month thereafter.

<u>Jamie Samath</u> <u>10/23/2018</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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