

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Samath Jamie			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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) VP & Principal Accounting Offi	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2017		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
1020 KIFER ROAD			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			
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(City) (State) (Zip)						

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	12/01/2017		M		536	A	\$328.4567	536	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2017		S ⁽¹⁾		536	D	\$400	0	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2017		M		59	A	\$238.9133	59	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2017		S ⁽¹⁾		59	D	\$396.5	0	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2017		M		35	A	\$230.9967	35	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2017		S ⁽¹⁾		35	D	\$396.5	0	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2017		M		35	A	\$178.3867	35	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2017		S ⁽¹⁾		35	D	\$396.5	0	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2017		M		49	A	\$177.6833	49	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2017		S ⁽¹⁾		49	D	\$396.5	0	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2017		M		49	A	\$171.3333	49	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2017		S ⁽¹⁾		49	D	\$396.5	0	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2017		M		98	A	\$153.0467	98	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2017		S ⁽¹⁾		98	D	\$396.5	0	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2017		M		98	A	\$148.03	98	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2017		S ⁽¹⁾		98	D	\$396.5	0	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)	\$148.03	12/01/2017		M			98	(2)	02/18/2024	Common Stock	98	\$0.0	293	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$153.0467	12/01/2017		M			98	(3)	08/15/2024	Common Stock	98	\$0.0	294	D	

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				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$171.3333	12/01/2017		M			49	(2)	02/17/2025	Common Stock	49	\$0.0	739	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$177.6833	12/01/2017		M			49	(3)	08/17/2025	Common Stock	49	\$0.0	739	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$178.3867	12/01/2017		M			35	(2)	02/16/2026	Common Stock	35	\$0.0	949	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$230.9967	12/01/2017		M			35	(3)	08/15/2026	Common Stock	35	\$0.0	950	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$238.9133	12/01/2017		M			59	(2)	02/15/2027	Common Stock	59	\$0.0	2,317	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$328.4567	12/01/2017		M			536	(3)	08/15/2027	Common Stock	536	\$0.0	2,314	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The shares were sold subject to a 10b5-1 trading plan established on 11-1-17.
- 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.
- 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.

Jamie Samath 12/04/2017

** 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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