

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Myriam Curet</u> | | | 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) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <u>EVP & Chief Medical Officer / EVP & Chief Medical Officer</u> | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/15/2018</u> | | | 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 | | |
| <u>1020 KIFER ROAD</u> | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | |
| (Street) <u>SUNNYVALE CA 94086</u> | | | | | | | | |
| (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 | 02/15/2018 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 1,000 | A | \$0.0 | 2,970 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2018 | | F ⁽¹⁾ | | 346 | D | \$0.0 | 2,624 | 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) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$418.56 | 02/15/2018 | | A | | 6,000 | | (2) | 02/15/2028 | Common Stock | 6,000 | \$0.0 | 6,000 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$0.0 | 02/15/2018 | | M | | 1,000 | | (3) | 02/15/2021 | Common Stock | 1,000 | \$0.0 | 2,999 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$0.0 | 02/15/2018 | | A | | 4,000 | | (3) | 02/15/2022 | Common Stock | 4,000 | \$0.0 | 4,000 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- On 2/15/2017, RSU shares were granted, vesting 25% per year over a four year period. RSUs convert into common stock on the vest date on a one-for-one basis. On 2/15/18, 25% of the shares were released and a portion of the shares were held back to cover the statutory tax withholding requirement. The net shares were deposited into the holders account.
- 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 Restricted Stock Unit, granted pursuant to the 2010 Employee Stock Option Plan, 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 of time.

By: Lori Serrano For: Myriam Curet 02/16/2018

** 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).

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