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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* GUTHART GARY S			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC [ISRG]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) President & CEO		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/08/2020			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)					
(Street)	CA	94086						
(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	12/08/2020		M ⁽¹⁾		14,000	A	\$168.41	263,311 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	12/08/2020		S ⁽¹⁾		11,114	D	\$761.7625 ⁽³⁾	252,197 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	12/08/2020		G ⁽⁴⁾		35,800	D	\$0.0	108,757 ⁽²⁾	I	by Trust
Common Stock	12/08/2020		G ⁽⁴⁾		14,500	A	\$0.0	14,500	I	by Trust FBO Daughte
Common Stock	12/09/2020		S ⁽¹⁾		2,900	D	\$758.3408 ⁽⁵⁾	11,600	I	by Trust FBO Daughte
Common Stock	12/08/2020		G ⁽⁴⁾		14,500	A	\$0.0	14,500	I	by Trust FBO Son
Common Stock	12/09/2020		S ⁽¹⁾		2,900	D	\$758.4117 ⁽⁶⁾	11,600	I	by Trust FBO Son

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
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$168.41	12/08/2020		M ⁽¹⁾			14,000	(7)	02/15/2022	Common Stock	14,000	\$0.0	28,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The transaction took place in accordance with a Trading Plan that complies with SEC Rule 10b5-1 and expires on November 5, 2021.
- Previous filings made by the Reporting Person following September 27, 2005 reflected shares indirectly held by the family trust as directly held shares in Table 1. This Form 4 accurately reflects the number of shares held directly and indirectly by the Reporting Person. Except as noted in this footnote, all other information disclosed in the Reporting Person's original Form 4s filed with the SEC was accurately reported.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$755.71 to \$764.45, inclusive. The Reporting Person hereby undertakes to provide to the SEC, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each respective price within the range set forth in this footnote.
- The family trust gifted 6,800 shares to a Donor Advised (TIMBO) Fund and 29,000 to two trusts for the benefit of the reporting person's children.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$753.89 to \$764.48, inclusive. The Reporting Person hereby undertakes to provide to the SEC, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each respective price within the range set forth in this footnote.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$753.89 to \$764.48, inclusive. The Reporting Person hereby undertakes to provide to the SEC, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each respective price within the range set forth in this footnote.
- Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the 2010 Incentive Award Plan. The option vests 1/8th six months after the date of grant and 1/48th monthly thereafter.

By: Donna Spinola For: Gary S Guthart 12/10/2020

** 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 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

