



## Intuitive Surgical Announces Record \$35.5 Million Third Quarter Revenue, Up 52% and \$6.1 Million Net Income, \$0.17 per Share

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SUNNYVALE, CA--(MARKET WIRE)--Oct 26, 2004 -- Intuitive Surgical, Inc. (NasdaqNM:ISRG - News), the industry leader in surgical robotics, today reported record third quarter 2004 sales of \$35.5 million, increasing 52% from \$23.4 million for the third quarter of 2003. Higher sales were driven by continued recurring revenue growth and higher da Vinci® Surgical System shipments. Third quarter 2004 recurring revenue, consisting of instrument, accessory, service and training revenue, totaled \$16.5 million, up 110% over the prior year. Third quarter 2004 recurring revenue increased to 46% of total sales from 34% during the third quarter of 2003.

Third quarter 2004 system revenue increased to \$19.0 million from \$15.5 million during the third quarter 2003. Intuitive sold 18 da Vinci® Surgical Systems during the third quarter of 2004, compared to 15 in the third quarter of 2003. Intuitive ended the third quarter 2004 with 261 cumulative da Vinci® Surgical Systems sold, compared to 192 at the end of the third quarter 2003.

Three Months Ended,      Nine Months Ended,  
   9/30/04 9/30/03 Increase 9/30/04 9/30/03 Increase

	9/30/04	9/30/03	Increase	9/30/04	9/30/03	Increase
Revenue (\$Millions)						
Systems	\$19.0	\$15.5	\$3.5	\$51.7	\$44.3	\$7.4
Instruments/Accessories	\$10.3	\$5.0	\$5.3	\$25.9	\$12.7	\$13.2
Service/Training	\$6.2	\$2.9	\$3.3	\$16.0	\$7.1	\$8.9
	\$35.5	\$23.4	\$12.1	\$93.6	\$64.1	\$29.5

	9/30/04	9/30/03	Increase	9/30/04	9/30/03	Increase
Cumulative da Vinci® Surgical System Unit Sales						
Shipments	18	15	3	51	43	8
Cumulative Shipments	261	192	69	261	192	69

Gross profit increased to \$22.7 million, or 64.0% of sales, for the third quarter 2004, compared to \$12.1 million, or 51.6% of sales for the third quarter 2003.

Third quarter 2004 operating expenses of \$17.2 million were \$1.5 million higher than the third quarter 2003.

The company reported third quarter 2004 net income of \$6.1 million, or \$0.17 per diluted share, compared to a net loss of \$3.4 million, or (\$0.12) per diluted share for the third quarter 2003.

Intuitive was \$14.8 million cash flow positive for the third quarter 2004, ending the period with \$121.2 million in cash and short-term investments.

Commenting on the announcement, Lonnie Smith, Chairman and CEO of Intuitive Surgical said, "We are pleased with the strength of our third quarter revenue and earnings performance. Our continued sales and earnings growth demonstrates the ongoing market adoption of our da Vinci® Surgical System platform as well as the power of our business model."

The company will also announce these results at a conference call today at 1:30 pm PDT. The dial-in numbers for the call are 877-909-3508 for participants located in the U.S. and 484-630-4228 for participants located outside the U.S. The passcode is ISRG and the meeting leader is Mr. Lonnie Smith. To access financial information that will be discussed on the call, please visit Intuitive Surgical's website at [www.intuitivesurgical.com](http://www.intuitivesurgical.com).

### About Intuitive's Products:

The da Vinci® Surgical System consists of a surgeon's viewing and control console having an integrated, high-performance InSite® 3-D vision system, a patient-side cart consisting of three or four robotic arms that position and precisely maneuver endoscopic instruments and an endoscope, and a variety of articulating EndoWrist® Instruments. By integrating computer-enhanced technology with surgeons' technical skills, Intuitive believes that its system enables surgeons to perform better surgery in a manner never before experienced. The da Vinci® Surgical System seamlessly and directly translates the surgeon's natural hand, wrist and finger movements on instrument controls at the surgeon's console outside the patient's body into corresponding micro-movements of the instrument tips positioned inside the patient through small puncture incisions, or ports.

The Aesop® Endoscope Positioner is a voice-activated robotic arm that automates the critical task of endoscope positioning, providing the surgeon

with direct control over a smooth, precise and stable view of the internal surgical field.

The Hermes® Control Center is a centralized system designed to voice control a series of networked "smart" medical devices.

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are necessarily estimates reflecting the best judgment of our management and involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those suggested by the forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements should, therefore, be considered in light of various important factors, including the following: timing and success of product development and market acceptance of developed products; regulatory approvals, clearances and restrictions; guidelines and recommendations in the health care and patient communities; intellectual property positions and litigation; competition in the medical device industry and in the specific markets of surgery in which Intuitive Surgical operates; and unanticipated manufacturing disruptions, delays in regulatory approvals of new manufacturing facilities or the inability to meet demand for products. Words such as "estimate," "project," "plan," "intend," "expect," "anticipate," "believe" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this press release. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or release any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this press release or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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INTUITIVE SURGICAL, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS  
(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)  
(UNAUDITED)

	Three Months Ended,		Nine Months Ended,	
	9/30/04	9/30/03	9/30/04	9/30/03
Sales:				
Products	\$ 29,262	\$ 20,515	\$ 77,583	\$ 56,958
Services	6,231	2,878	16,026	7,123
Total sales	35,493	23,393	93,609	64,081
Cost of sales:				
Products	9,798	9,397	27,871	24,075
Services	2,973	1,932	7,552	5,513
Total cost of sales	12,771	11,329	35,423	29,588
Gross profit	22,722	12,064	58,186	34,493
Gross profit %	64.0%	51.6%	62.2%	53.8%
Operating costs and expenses:				
Selling, general, and administrative	12,600	11,320	34,378	29,303
Research and development	4,635	4,407	13,571	11,457
Total operating costs and expenses	17,235	15,727	47,949	40,760
Income (loss) from operations	5,487	(3,663)	10,237	(6,267)
Other income, net	692	310	1,924	1,499
Income (loss) before income tax provision	6,179	(3,353)	12,161	(4,768)
Income tax provision	66	0	365	0
Net income (loss)	\$ 6,113	\$ (3,353)	\$ 11,796	\$ (4,768)
Net earnings (loss) per share -				
Basic	\$ 0.18	\$ (0.12)	\$ 0.35	\$ (0.22)

Diluted	\$ 0.17	\$ (0.12)	\$ 0.34	\$ (0.22)
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Weighted average shares outstanding  
used to compute net earnings (loss)

per share -

Basic	33,823	26,878	33,556	21,296
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Diluted	35,305	26,878	34,534	21,296
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INTUITIVE SURGICAL, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
(IN THOUSANDS)

Unaudited  
9/30/04 12/31/03(a)

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Assets

Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	11,268	11,335	
Short-term investments	109,947	101,614	
Accounts receivable, net	26,361	26,820	
Inventories, net	6,596	8,788	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	3,688	3,203	
Restricted cash equivalents	204	188	
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Total current assets	158,064	151,948	

Property and equipment, net	27,779	10,288	
Restricted cash equivalents	319	642	
Intangible assets, net	6,688	8,089	
Goodwill	143,332	143,106	
Other assets	641	921	
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Total assets	\$ 336,823	\$ 314,994	
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Liabilities and stockholders' equity

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable	5,214	5,894	
Accrued compensation and employee benefits	7,450	5,267	
Restructuring accrual	806	971	
Other accrued liabilities	7,488	9,134	
Deferred revenue	14,092	11,345	
Current portion of notes payable	813	1,030	
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Total current liabilities	35,863	33,641	

Long-term notes payable	52	695	
Deferred revenue	1,077	1,148	
Other accrued liabilities	57	553	

Stockholders' equity

Common stock	34	33	
Preferred stock	-	-	
Additional paid-in capital	426,390	416,559	
Deferred compensation	-	(99)	
Accumulated deficit	(126,618)	(138,414)	
Accumulated other comprehensive income	(32)	878	
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Total stockholders' equity	299,774	278,957	
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(a) - Derived from the audited financial statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 but does not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for complete financial statements.

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