FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  MCNAMARA JEROME J						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> 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) 1266 KII	(F FER ROAI	,	(Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/29/2011								X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  EVP da Vinci WW Sales & Mktg						
(Street)	VALE C	Α	94086		-   4. li	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting						
(City)	(5	State)	(Zip)												Persor	1				
		Tab	le I - N	lon-Deri	vative	Sec	uriti	ies Ad	quire	d, D	isposed o	of, or Be	eneficia	lly C	Owned	<u> </u>				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transactic Date (Month/Day/						Execution Date,				4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 ar			Benefic Owned		es ially Following	Form (D) o	n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		tion(s)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 07				07/29/2	2011	011					3,125	A	\$107.2	27 5,		744		D		
Common Stock				07/29/2	2011				S		3,125	D	\$402.40	009	2,	619		D		
Common Stock 07				07/29/2	2011	011			G		9	A	\$274.47	<sup>7</sup> 35 2,62		528 <sup>(1)</sup>		D		
		Т	able I								posed of				vned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	if any	emed ion Date, /Day/Year)	4. Transa Code ( 8)			6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/\)		ate	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)		Der Sec (Ins	Price of rivative curity str. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	e s dlly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
					Code	v	(A) (D)		Date Exercisable		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	r						
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$107.27	07/29/2011			M			3,125	(2)		02/17/2019	Common Stock	3,125		\$0	19,792	2	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The shares beneficially owned increasedd due to a qualified ESPP purchase that took place on 7/29/11. The purchase of these shares is being reported on a voluntary basis.
- 2. Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the 2000 Employee Stock Option Plan. The option vests 1/8th six months after the date of grant and 1/48th monthly thereafter.

By: Lori Serrano For: Jerome McNamara 08

08/01/2011

\*\* 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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