FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  LOOP FLOYD D MD						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC [ ISRG ]									nship appli Directo	cable)	g Pers	son(s) to Iss		
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Street) SUNNYVALE CA 94086  (City) (State) (Zip)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									dividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable )  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/				Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 ar			Benefic Owned		es ally Following	Form (D) o	n: Direct r Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership				
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Tr		ted action(s) 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 04/25/20					2011	11			М		5,000	A	\$72.4	.44		5,000		D		
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	ate Execu Month/Day/Year) if any	emed ion Date, /Day/Year)		Transaction Code (Instr.		umber vative urities uired or oosed O) tr. 3, 4	6. Date Exercis Expiration Date (Month/Day/Ye		ate	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	Ownersh Form: Direct (D or Indire (I) (Instr.	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4)	
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Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to	\$72.44	04/25/2011			M			5,000	(1)		07/29/2015	Common Stock	5,000	\$1	0	0		D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan. Option shall vest 1/3rd one year after date of grant and 1/36th each month thereafter.

/s/ Floyd D. Loop

04/25/2011

\*\* 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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