

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Friedman Michael A</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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>04/19/2018</u>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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	04/19/2018		M <sup>(1)</sup>		513	A	\$0.0	3,444	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2018		M		981	A	\$213.97	4,425	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2018		S <sup>(2)</sup>		981	D	\$458.1376	3,444	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2018		M		1,200	A	\$185.7333	4,644	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2018		S <sup>(2)</sup>		1,200	D	\$458.1376	3,444	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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$185.7333	04/20/2018		M			1,200	(3)	07/23/2025	Common Stock	1,200	\$0.0	525	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$213.97	04/20/2018		M			981	(4)	04/21/2026	Common Stock	981	\$0.0	0	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$462.71	04/19/2018		A			996	(5)	04/19/2028	Common Stock	996	\$0.0	996	D	
Restricted Stock Units	\$0.0	04/19/2018		M			513	(6)	02/21/2018	Common Stock	513	\$0.0	0	D	
Restricted Stock Units	\$0.0	04/19/2018		A			332	(7)	04/19/2022	Common Stock	332	\$0.0	332	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- These shares were acquired from the vest and release of an RSU grant previously issued to the Filer.
- These options were exercised and the underlying shares sold pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on February 23, 2018.
- Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan. Option shall vest 1/3rd one year after the date of grant and 1/36th each month thereafter.
- Options will vest 100% on the earlier of the first anniversary of the date of grant or the date of the next annual stockholders meeting.
- Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan. Option shall vest 100% one year after the date of grant or at the next Shareholders Meeting, whichever should take place first, provided that vesting will cease on termination of the Directors service to the Company.
- 100% of the grant will vest on the anniversary date of the grant or the next Annual Shareholders Meeting, whichever takes place first, provided however that vesting will cease on termination of the Director's service to the company.

7. Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) are granted pursuant to the 2010 Incentive Award Plan. The RSUs fully vest on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

By: Lori Serrano For: Michael  
A Friedman 04/20/2018

\*\* 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).

\*\* 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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