

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>MCNAMARA JEROME J</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) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP da Vinci WW Sales & Mktg</u>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>04/20/2012</u>			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		
<u>1266 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	04/20/2012		M		10,000	A	\$303.27	12,686	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2012		S		10,000 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$575.0807 ⁽²⁾	2,686	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2012		M		10,000	A	\$303.27	12,686	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2012		S		10,000 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$575.057 ⁽³⁾	2,686	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2012		M		10,000	A	\$303.27	12,686	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2012		S		10,000 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$575.1121 ⁽⁴⁾	2,686	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2012		M		9,144	A	\$107.27	11,830	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2012		S		9,144 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$575.0346 ⁽⁴⁾	2,686	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)
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$107.27	04/20/2012		M		9,144	(5)	02/17/2019	Common Stock	9,144	\$0	10,648	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$303.27	04/20/2012		M		10,000	(6)	02/15/2018	Common Stock	10,000	\$0	28,464	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$303.27	04/20/2012		M		10,000	(6)	02/15/2018	Common Stock	10,000	\$0	18,464	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$303.27	04/20/2012		M		10,000	(6)	02/15/2018	Common Stock	10,000	\$0	8,464	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. These shares were sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan, entered into on March 14, 2012.

2. The average selling price for the transactions was \$575.0807. The shares sold at: \$569.00 - \$569.99 = 259 shares; \$570.00 to \$570.99 = 1,307 shares; \$571.00 - \$571.99 = 927 shares; \$572.00 - \$572.99 = 879 shares; \$573.00 - \$573.99 = 584 shares; \$574.00 - \$574.99 = 1,253 shares; \$575.00 - \$575.99 = 814 shares; \$576.00 = \$576.99 = 457 shares; \$577.00 - \$577.99 = 200 shares; \$578.00 - \$578.99 = 1,289 shares; \$579.00 - \$579.99 = 1,329 shares; \$580.00 - \$580.99 = 532 shares; \$581.00 - \$581.99 = 170 shares.

3. The average selling price for the transactions was \$575.057. The shares sold at: \$569.00 - \$569.99 = 259 shares; \$570.00 to \$570.99 = 1,305 shares; \$571.00 - \$571.99 = 928 shares; \$572.00 - \$572.99 = 880 shares; \$573.00 - \$573.99 = 1,084 shares; \$574.00 - \$574.99 = 752 shares; \$575.00 - \$575.99 = 814 shares; \$576.00 = \$576.99 = 457 shares; \$577.00 - \$577.99 = 200 shares; \$578.00 - \$578.99 = 1,289 shares; \$579.00 - \$579.99 = 1,329 shares; \$580.00 - \$580.99 = 532 shares; \$581.00 - \$581.99 = 170 shares.

4. The average selling price for the transactions was \$575.112119 The shares sold at: \$569.00 - \$569.99 = 259 shares; \$570.00 to \$570.99 = 1,306 shares; \$571.00 - \$571.99 = 930 shares; \$572.00 - \$572.99 = 879 shares; \$573.00 - \$573.99 = 583 shares; \$574.00 - \$574.99 = 751 shares; \$575.00 - \$575.99 = 1,314 shares; \$576.00 = \$576.99 = 457 shares; \$577.00 - \$577.99 = 201 shares; \$578.00 - \$578.99 = 1,289 shares; \$579.00 - \$579.99 = 1,329 shares; \$580.00 - \$580.99 = 532 shares; \$581.00 - \$581.99 = 170 shares.

5. 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.

6. Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the 2000 Employee Stock Option Plan. Option shall vest 1/8 six months after the date of grant and 1/48th each month thereafter.

By: Lori Serrano For: Jerome J. McNamara 04/24/2012

** 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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