

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>GUTHART GARY S</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 1266 KIFER ROAD (Street) SUNNYVALE CA 94086 (City) (State) (Zip)	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) President & CEO / President & CEO	
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/22/2012		
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
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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	10/22/2012		M		1,500	A	\$47.86	39,153	D	
Common Stock	10/22/2012		S		1,500 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$542.979 ⁽²⁾	37,653	D	
Common Stock	10/22/2012		M		1,000	A	\$47.86	38,653	D	
Common Stock	10/22/2012		S		1,000 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$545.6322 ⁽³⁾	37,653	D	
Common Stock	10/22/2012		M		2,000	A	\$18.5	39,653	D	
Common Stock	10/22/2012		S		2,000 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$544.4775 ⁽⁴⁾	37,653	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)	\$18.5	10/22/2012		M			2,000	(5)	02/13/2014	Common Stock	2,000	\$0.0	2,743	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$47.86	10/22/2012		M			1,500	(5)	02/11/2015	Common Stock	1,500	\$0.0	10,500	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$47.86	10/22/2012		M			1,000	(5)	02/11/2015	Common Stock	1,000	\$0.0	9,500	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- These shares were sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan, entered into on March 13, 2012.
- The average selling price for the transactions was \$542.979 The shares sold at: \$541.00 - \$541.99 - 900 shares; \$542.00 - \$542.99 - 400 shares; \$548.00 to \$548.99 = 200 shares
- The average selling price for the transactions was \$545.6322 The shares sold at: \$545.00 to \$545.99 = 800 shares; \$548.00 to \$548.99 = 200 shares
- The average selling price for the transactions was \$544.4775 The shares sold at: \$542.00 - \$542.99 - 1,000 shares; \$545.00 to \$545.99 = 500 shares; \$548.00 to \$548.99 = 500 shares
- 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.

Gary Guthart

10/22/2012

** 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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