UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June 11, 2018

INTUITIVE SURGICAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-30713

(Commission File Number)

77-0416458

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1020 Kifer Road Sunnyvale, California 94086

(Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (408) 523-2100

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following
provisions:
[] Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
ndicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).
Emerging growth company \square
f an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or evised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On June 11, 2018, Intuitive Surgical, Inc. ("Intuitive") reached an agreement in principle to enter into a settlement agreement, subject to approval by the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, with respect to previously disclosed class action lawsuits, referred to as *In re Intuitive Surgical Securities Litigation*, No. 5:13-cv-1920. The agreement in principle stipulates a payment of \$42.5 million by Intuitive.

The agreement in principle described in this Current Report on Form 8-K is subject to certain conditions, including court approval of a final settlement agreement. There can be no assurance that the parties will enter into a final settlement agreement or that such agreement will be approved by the court.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

INTUITIVE SURGICAL, INC.

Date: June 12, 2018 By: /s/ Marshall L. Mohr

Name: Marshall L. Mohr

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer