FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>GUTHART GARY S</u> | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC [ISRG] | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reportin (Check all applicable) X Director | | | 10% Owner | | ner |
|--|--|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|---|-----------------------|---|----------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|---|---|----------------|---|--|--------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 1020 KIFER ROAD | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/02/2021 | | | | | | | | X | Officer below) | President & Cl | | Other (s below) CEO | pecify |
| (Street) SUNNYVALE CA 94086 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Indir Line) X | ridual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | 1 |
| (=:9) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Da | | | 2. Transacti Date (Month/Day | | 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. Amor Securiti Benefic Owned | | es ially Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | Code | | | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (Instr. 4) | | | |
| Common Stock | | | 02/02/2021 | | | | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 14,000 | A | \$16 | 68.41 | | ,000 | | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | 02/02/2 | 02/02/2021 | | | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 11,020 | D | \$762. 1 | .378 ⁽²⁾ 2,9 | | 980 | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 50,954 | | I 1 | by Trust | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 11,600 | | I | | by Trust FBO Daughte | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 11,600 | | | | by Trust FBO Son | |
| 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) | Execu if any | BA. Deemed Execution Date, | | 5. Number of Operivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Da Expi (Mor | | rcisable and Date | 7. Title and Amou of Securities Underlying Derivative Securi (Instr. 3 and 4) | | ount 8 | Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | is lly | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exer | cisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amo or Num of Shar | ber | | | | | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$168.41 | 02/02/2021 | | | М | | | 14,000 | | (3) | 02/15/2022 | Commo Stock | | 000 | \$0.0 | 14,000 |) | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- $1.\ The\ transaction\ took\ place\ in\ accordance\ with\ a\ Trading\ Plan\ that\ complies\ with\ SEC\ Rule\ 10b5-1\ and\ expires\ on\ November\ 5,\ 2021.$
- 2. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$753.66 to \$765.98, inclusive. The Reporting Person hereby undertakes to provide to the Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each respective price within the range set forth in this footnote.
- 3. Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the 2010 Incentive Award Plan. The option vests 1/8th six months after the date of grant and 1/48th monthly thereafter.

By: Donna Spinola For: Gary S Guthart

02/03/2021

** 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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