## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Brogna Salvatore						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC [ ISRG ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1266 KIFER ROAD						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/03/2012								X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)  SVP Product Development						
(Street) SUNNYVALE CA 94086					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicabl Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting					n	
(City)	(City) (State) (Zip)													Person						
		Tab	le I - No	n-Deriv	ative	Sec	curiti	ies Ac	quired	, Dis	posed o	of, or Be	nefic	ially	Owned	t				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						) Ex	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired Disposed Of (D) (Instr.				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Pric	е	Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 12/03/2					/2012	2012			М		2,000	,000 A		\$341.19 2		2,437		D		
Common Stock 12/03/2					/2012	2012			S <sup>(1)</sup>		2,000 D		\$52	<b>\$</b> 528.75 4		437		D		
Common Stock 12/0					/2012	_			M		2,187	A	\$3	\$334.3		2,624		D		
Common Stock 12/					/2012				S <sup>(1)</sup>		2,187	2,187 D				137		D		
Common Stock 12/03/2						$\bot$			M		1,250	_	-	· .		1,687		D		
Common Stock 12/03/2					/2012	.012			S <sup>(1)</sup>		1,250	D	\$52	8.75	4	137		D		
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deem Execution if any (Month/D	ed n Date,	4. Transac Code (II	ction	on of E		6. Date E Expiratio (Month/D	xercis	able and	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. D S (I	. Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactic (Instr. 4)	ly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisal		Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Share	er						
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$107.27	12/03/2012			M			1,250	(2)		02/17/2019	Common Stock	1,25	0	\$0.0	0.0		D		
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$334.3	12/03/2012			М			2,187	(2)		02/16/2020	Common Stock	2,18	37	\$0.0	5,469		D		
Non- Qualified Stock	\$341.19	12/03/2012			M			2,000	(2)		02/15/2021	Common	2.00	0	\$0.0	9,000		D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

Option

(right to buy)

- 1. These options were exercised and the underlying shares sold pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporing person on June 15, 2011.
- 2. 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.

By: Lori Serrano For: Salvatore J Brogna

Stock

12/04/2012

\*\* 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).
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