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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] MELTZER MARK J | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC</u> [ISRG] | (Check | tionship of Reporting Perso all applicable) Director Officer (give title | n(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify |
|--|---------------|----------------|--|------------------------|--|---|
| (Last) 1266 KIFER RO | (First) AD | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2013 | X | Officer (give title below) SVP & General C | below) |
| (Street) SUNNYVALE (City) | CA (State) | 94086 (Zip) | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indiv Line) X | idual or Joint/Group Filing (Form filed by One Report Form filed by More than (Person | ting Person |

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) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 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 | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (1150.4) |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2013 | | G | | 2 | D | \$0.0 ⁽¹⁾ | 631 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2013 | | G | | 1 | D | \$0.0 ⁽²⁾ | 630 | 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. Transa Code (8) | | of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) | Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) uired or oosed D) (K 3, 4 | | Expiration Date Amount of Month/Day/Year) Securities | | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | ive derivative y Securities | 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 | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. These shares were gifted to the World Children's Fund.

2. These shares were gifted to the Kainos Home and Training Center.

Mark J Meltzer

03/12/2013

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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