FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Morales Colin  (Last) (First) (Middle)  1266 KIFER ROAD				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC [ ISRG ]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/31/2012								Relationship heck all appli Direct	cable) or	g Pers	10% Ov	vner		
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(Street) SUNNY (City)			94086 (Zip)		4.1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						6. Lir	e) X Form Form	vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person				
		Tab	le I - N	lon-Deri	vative	Sec	uriti	ies Ad	quire	d, D	isposed o	of, or B	eneficia	lly Owne	d			
		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			Benefic Owned	es Fo ally (D Following (I)	Form (D) o	6. Ownership Form: Direct D) or Indirect I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
								Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reporte Transac (Instr. 3	ction(s)			(Instr. 4)	
Common	Common Stock		01/31/2	2012				J	П	3	A	\$274.47	35 2	63 <sup>(1)</sup>		D		
Common	Common Stock		02/07/2	/2012				M		4,500	A	\$112.6	6 4	,763		D		
Common	Stock		02/0		2012	)12		S		4,500	D	\$492.98	58	263		D		
Common Stock 02/0		02/07/2	2012	)12		S		260	D	\$492.55	22	3		D				
		1	able I								posed of , converti			y Owned				
Derivative   Conversion   Dat		(Month/Day/Year) if any		emed ion Date, /Day/Year)		ransaction ode (Instr.		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 or derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	ly	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	sable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to	\$112.66	02/07/2012			М			4,500	(2)	)	02/15/2017	Common Stock	4,500	\$0	0		D	

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The shares beneficially owned increasedd due to a qualified ESPP purchase that took place on 1/31/12. The purchase of these shares is being reported on a voluntary basis.
- 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.

<u>Colin Morales</u> <u>02/07/2012</u>

\*\* 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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