

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <b>SMITH LONNIE M</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>1266 KIFER ROAD</b>  (Street) <b>SUNNYVALE CA 94086</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC [ ISRG ]</b>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <b>Chairman of the Board</b>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>05/08/2012</b>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting 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)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			
Common Stock	05/08/2012		G		1,500	D	\$0.0 <sup>(1)</sup>	289,775	D	
Common Stock	05/14/2012		G		15,000	D	\$0.0	274,775 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	07/24/2012		M		12,500	A	\$47.86	287,275	D	
Common Stock	07/24/2012		S		12,500 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	\$473.1781 <sup>(4)</sup>	274,775	D	
Common Stock	07/24/2012		M		5,000	A	\$106.69	279,775	D	
Common Stock	07/24/2012		S		5,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	\$473.1781 <sup>(4)</sup>	274,775	D	
Common Stock	05/14/2012		G		15,000	A	\$0.0	110,681 <sup>(5)</sup>	I	by Trust

**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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		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 of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	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
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$47.86	07/24/2012		M			12,500	(6)	02/11/2015	Common Stock	12,500	\$0.0	0.0	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$106.69	07/24/2012		M			5,000	(6)	02/07/2016	Common Stock	5,000	\$0.0	55,000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- These shares were gifted from the account of Lonnie Smith & Cheryl Smith, Community Property to The Churst of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.
- These shares were gifted from the account of Lonnie Smith & Cheryl Smith, Community Property to an indirect holding, McKram Investors II LLC.
- These shares were sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan, entered into on March 8, 2012.
- The average selling price for the transactions was \$473.178106 The shares sold at: \$470.00 - \$470.99 = 1,850 shares; \$471.00 to \$471.99 = 200 shares; \$472.00 - \$472.99 = 2,160 shares; \$473.00 - \$473.99 = 9,690 shares; \$474.00 - \$474.99 = 3,100 shares; \$475.00 - \$475.99 = 375 shares; \$478.00 - \$478.99 = 125 shares.
- These shares were received from the account of Lonnie Smith & Cheryl Smith, Community Property and are now held in an indirect holding at McKram Investors II, LLC.
- Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the 2000 Employee Stock Option Plan. Option shall vest 1/8 six months after the date of grant and 1/48th each month thereafter.

Lonnie M Smith 07/25/2012  
 \*\* 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).

\*\* 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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