

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Samath Jamie | | | 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) VP & Principal Accounting Offi | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/24/2018 | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |
| 1020 KIFER ROAD | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | |
| (Street) SUNNYVALE CA 94086 | | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | |

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 | 07/24/2018 | | M | | 178 | A | \$328.4567 | 257 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/24/2018 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 178 | D | \$523 | 79 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/24/2018 | | M | | 178 | A | \$238.9133 | 257 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/24/2018 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 178 | D | \$523.5029 | 79 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/24/2018 | | M | | 105 | A | \$230.9967 | 184 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/24/2018 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 105 | D | \$523.5029 | 79 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/24/2018 | | M | | 105 | A | \$178.3867 | 184 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/24/2018 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 105 | D | \$523.5029 | 79 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/24/2018 | | M | | 148 | A | \$177.6833 | 227 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/24/2018 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 148 | D | \$523.5029 | 79 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/24/2018 | | M | | 148 | A | \$171.3333 | 227 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/24/2018 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 148 | D | \$523.5029 | 79 | 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. 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 | | | | | | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$171.3333 | 07/24/2018 | | M | | 148 | | (2) | 02/17/2025 | Common Stock | 148 | \$0.0 | 345 | D | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$177.6833 | 07/24/2018 | | M | | 148 | | (3) | 08/17/2025 | Common Stock | 148 | \$0.0 | 345 | D | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$178.3867 | 07/24/2018 | | M | | 105 | | (2) | 02/16/2026 | Common Stock | 105 | \$0.0 | 668 | D | |

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(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-----|--|-----------------|---|----------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$230.9967 | 07/24/2018 | | M | | | 105 | (3) | 08/15/2026 | Common Stock | 105 | \$0.0 | 669 | D | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$238.9133 | 07/24/2018 | | M | | | 178 | (2) | 02/15/2027 | Common Stock | 178 | \$0.0 | 1,842 | D | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$328.4567 | 07/24/2018 | | M | | | 178 | (3) | 08/15/2027 | Common Stock | 178 | \$0.0 | 1,840 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- The shares were sold subject to a 10b5-1 trading plan established on 11-1-17.
- Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the 2010 Employee Stock Option Plan. The option vests 1/8th six months after the date of grant and 1/48th monthly thereafter.
- Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the 2010 Employee Stock Option Plan. Option shall vest 7/48 one month after the date of grant and 1/48th each month thereafter.

Jamie Samath

07/24/2018

** 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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