FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

<b>STATEMENT</b>	<b>OF CHANGES</b>	IN BENEFICIAL	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  HALVORSON ERIC H				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC [ ISRG ]							(Che	5. Relationship of Repo (Check all applicable) X Director			eporting Person(s) to Issuer e) 10% Owner			
(Last) 950 KIFE	(Fir R ROAD	rst) (	Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/19/2006						Officer below)	(give title		Other (s below)	pecify				
(Street) SUNNYV (City)	ALE CA		94086 Zip)	4.1	f Amer	ndment,	Date	of Original Fi	ed (Mont	n/Da	ay/Year)	Line	X Form fi	led by One	Repo	(Check App rting Persor One Repor	ı	
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
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							Code	/ Amo	unt	(A) or (D)	Price	Transacti (Instr. 3 a	tion(s)					
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																	
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				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	on	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Stock Option(right to buy)	\$113.06	05/19/2006	05/19/2006	A		5,000		(1)	05/19/20	16	COMMON STOCK	5,000	\$113.06	0		D		

## Explanation of Responses:

1. Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan. Option shall vest 100% one year after the grant date.

## Remarks:

/s/Eric Halvorson

05/23/2006

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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