

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>GUTHART GARY S</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br>1020 KIFER ROAD<br><br>(Street)<br>SUNNYVALE CA 94086<br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC [ ISRG ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><b>President &amp; CEO</b> |
|   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>02/15/2019                        |  |
|   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                              |  |
|   |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><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                    | 02/15/2019                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 2,000   | A          | \$0.0 | 353,300   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/15/2019                           |  | M <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 1,417   | A          | \$0.0 | 354,717   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/15/2019                           |  | F <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 992   | D          | \$0.0 | 353,725   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/15/2019                           |  | F <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 703   | D          | \$0.0 | 353,022   | 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 |   |  |  |   |  | Title |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$548.5  | 02/15/2019                           |  | A                              |   | 7,500  |     | (3)  | 02/15/2029      | Common Stock  | 7,500                                      | \$0.0  | 7,500   | D  |       |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | \$0.0  | 02/15/2019                           |  | M                              |   | 2,000  |     | (1)  | 02/15/2021      | Common Stock  | 2,000                                      | \$0.0  | 4,000   | D  |       |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | \$0.0  | 02/15/2019                           |  | M                              |   | 1,417  |     | (2)  | 02/15/2022      | Common Stock  | 1,417                                      | \$0.0  | 4,250   | D  |       |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | \$0.0  | 02/15/2019                           |  | A                              |   | 5,000  |     | (4)  | 02/15/2023      | Common Stock  | 5,000                                      | \$0.0  | 5,000   | D  |       |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- On 2/15/17, RSU shares were granted, vesting 25% per year over a four year period. RSUs convert into common stock on the vest date on a one-for-one basis. On 2/15/19, 25% of the shares were released and a portion of the shares were held back to cover the statutory tax withholding requirement. The net shares were deposited into the holders account
- On 2/15/18, RSU shares were granted, vesting 25% per year over a four year period. RSUs convert into common stock on the vest date on a one-for-one basis. On 2/15/19, 25% of the shares were released and a portion of the shares were held back to cover the statutory tax withholding requirement. The net shares were deposited into the holders account
- Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the 2010 Incentive Award Plan. Option shall vest 1/8 six months after the date of grant and 1/48th each month thereafter.
- Each Restricted Stock Unit, granted pursuant to the 2010 Employee Stock Option Plan, represents a contingent right to receive one share of Intuitive Surgical common stock. The grant vests 25% on the first anniversary of the date of grant and annually thereafter, over a four year period of time.

Gary S Guthart

02/21/2019

\*\* 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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