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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC [ISRG]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
STALK GEORGE JR														X Direc	or		10% O\	vner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1266 KIFER ROAD						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/21/2011								Office belov	r (give title)		Other (: below)	specify	
						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable					
(Street) SUNNYVALE CA 94086					4. In Amendment, Date of Original Pileu (Montil/Day/Year)								Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting						
(City)	(5	state)	(Zip)		•									Perso		re ma	п опе керо	rung	
		Tab	le I - Nor	n-Deriv	ative	e Se	curitie	s Ac	quired,	Dis	posed o	of, or Be	neficia	lly Owne	d				
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	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																		
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Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to	\$357.19	04/21/2011			A		2,750		(1)	0	4/21/2021	Common Stock	2,750	\$0	2,750)	D		

Explanation of Responses:

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

<u>/s/ George Stalk Jr.</u>

<u>04/21/2011</u> Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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