FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* MELTZER MARK J | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC [ISRG] | | | | | | | | elationship (eck all applic | g Person(s) to Is | | | | |
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| (Last) | | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/16/2016 | | | | | | | | (give title | Other (specify below) Counsel & CCO | |
| (Street) SUNNY (City) | VALE | CA (Stat | | 4. If Am | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| | | | Tab | le I - Nor | n-Deriv | ative Se | curities Ac | quired, | Disp | osed o | f, o | r Ben | eficiall | y Owned | I | | |
| Dat | | | 2. Trans Date (Month/I | action Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year | Transaction Dispos Code (Instr. 5) | | | curities Acquired (A) osed Of (D) (Instr. 3, | | | 5. Amou Securiti Benefici Owned I Reporte | es ally Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | | | | v | Amount (A) or (D) P | | Price | Transac (Instr. 3 | tion(s) | | (mour 4) | | |
| Common Stock | | | | 02/17 | 7/2016 | | М | | 569 | | A | \$0.0(1 |) 1, | 612 | D | | |
| Common Stock 02/17/ | | | | | 7/2016 | | F | | 270 | | D | \$0.0(1 |) 1, | 342 | D | | |
| Common Stock 02/18/ | | | | | | 3/2016 | | М | | 500 | | A | \$0.0(2 |) 1, | 842 | D | |
| Common Stock 02/18/ | | | | | | 3/2016 | | F | | 261 | | D | \$0.0 ⁽² |) 1, | 581 | 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. Conversi or Exerci Price of | ion I | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day | Date, | 1. Fransactior Code (Instr. 3) | of | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying | | | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial | Ownership Form: | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |

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| 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. Transa Code (8) | | 5. Num of Deriva Securi Acquii (A) or Dispos of (D) (Instr. and 5) | tive ties red sed | 6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y | ate | 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 | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$535.16 | 02/16/2016 | | A | | 1,063 | | (3) | 02/16/2026 | Common Stock | 1,063 | \$0.0 | 1,063 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$0.0 | 02/18/2016 | | М | | | 500 | (4) | 02/18/2018 | Common Stock | 500 | \$0.0 | 1,000 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$0.0 | 02/17/2016 | | М | | | 569 | (4) | 02/17/2019 | Common Stock | 569 | \$0.0 | 1,706 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$0.0 | 02/16/2016 | | A | | 2,125 | | (4) | 02/17/2020 | Common Stock | 2,125 | \$0.0 | 2,125 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. On 2/17/15, RSU shares were granted, vesting 25% per year over a four year period. RSUs convert into common stock on the grant date on a one-for-one basis. On 2/17/16, 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
- 2. On 2/18/14, RSU shares were granted, vesting 25% per year over a four year period. RSUs convert into common stock on the grant date on a one-for-one basis. On 2/18/16, 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
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.

By: Lori Serrano For: Mark J 02/18/2016 **Meltzer**

** 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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