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* 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 | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|--|--|------------------|------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|--|---|-----|---|------------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 1020 KIFER ROAD | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/19/2019 | | | | | | | | X | below | , | Acc | Other (below) ounting O | |
| (Street) SUNNYVALE CA 94086 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | - 4. - | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Indiv Line) X | vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| | | Tab | le I - N | lon-Deri | vativ | e Se | curiti | ies A | cquire | d, D | isposed (| of, or B | enefic | ially | Owne | d | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transacti Date (Month/Day) | | | | | Execution Date | | | 3. Transa Code (8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 an | | | d 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | Transa | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common | Common Stock | | | 08/19/2019 | | | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 60 | A | \$238. | .9133 | | 219 | | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | 08/19/2019 | | | | S | | 60 | D | \$503.5 | | | 159 | | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | 08/19/2019 | | | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 35 | A | \$230.9967 | | | 194 | | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | 08/19/2019 | | | | S | | 35 | D | \$50 | 3.5 | | 159 | | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | 08/19/2019 | | | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 35 | A | \$178. | .3867 | | 194 | | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | 08/19/2019 | | | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 35 | D | \$503.5 | | | 159 | | D | | | |
| | | 7 | able I | | | | | | | | sposed of , converti | | | | wned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed 4. | | | ction of | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | ate | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | De Se (In | Price of erivative ecurity astr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | ly | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownershi (Instr. 4) | | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercis | sable | Expiration Date | Title | Amou or Numb of Share | er | | | | | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$178.3867 | 08/19/2019 | | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | | 35 | (2) | | 02/16/2026 | Common Stock | 35 | | \$0.0 | 210 | | D | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option | \$230.9967 | 08/19/2019 | | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | | 35 | (3) | | 08/15/2026 | Common Stock | 35 | | \$0.0 | 212 | | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

\$238.9133

(right to buy) Non-Qualified Stock Option

(right to buy)

- 1. These shares were sold in accordance with a Trading Plan that complies with SEC Rule 10b5-1 and expires on November 4, 2019.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.

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(2)

02/15/2027

By: Lori Serrano For: Jamie

** Signature of Reporting Person

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Stock

\$<mark>0.0</mark>

08/20/2019

1,069

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Samath

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).

08/19/2019

** 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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