

GUTHART GARY S  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 GUTHART GARY S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC  
 [ISRG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1266 KIFER ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 10/22/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President & CEO / President & CEO

SUNNYVALE, CA 94086

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 or Price		
Common Stock	10/22/2012		M		1,500 A \$ 47.86	39,153	D
Common Stock	10/22/2012		S		1,500 (1) D \$ 542.979 (2)	37,653	D
Common Stock	10/22/2012		M		1,000 A \$ 47.86	38,653	D
Common Stock	10/22/2012		S		1,000 (1) D \$ 545.6322 (3)	37,653	D
Common Stock	10/22/2012		M		2,000 A \$ 18.5	39,653	D

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Common Stock      10/22/2012      S      2,000<sup>(1)</sup>      D      \$ 544,477.50      37,653      D      (4)

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

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**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.5	10/22/2012		M	2,000	<sup>(5)</sup> 02/13/2014	Common Stock	2,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 47.86	10/22/2012		M	1,500	<sup>(5)</sup> 02/11/2015	Common Stock	1,500
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 47.86	10/22/2012		M	1,000	<sup>(5)</sup> 02/11/2015	Common Stock	1,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GUTHART GARY S 1266 KIFER ROAD SUNNYVALE, CA 94086	X		President & CEO	President & CEO

## Signatures

Gary Guthart      10/22/2012  
 \*\*Signature of      Date  
 Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) These shares were sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan, entered into on March 13, 2012.
- (2) The average selling price for the transactions was \$542.979 The shares sold at: \$541.00 - \$541.99 - 900 shares; \$542.00 - \$542.99 - 400 shares; \$548.00 to \$548.99 = 200 shares
- (3) The average selling price for the transactions was \$545.6322 The shares sold at: \$545.00 to \$545.99 = 800 shares; \$548.00 to \$548.99 = 200 shares
- (4) The average selling price for the transactions was \$544.4775 The shares sold at: \$542.00 - \$542.99 - 1,000 shares; \$545.00 to \$545.99 = 500 shares; \$548.00 to \$548.99 = 500 shares
- (5) Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the 2000 Employee Stock Option Plan. Option shall vest 1/8 six months after the date of grant and 1/48th each month thereafter.

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