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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

Common

Stock

07/23/2018

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Friedman Michael A Issuer Symbol INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC (Check all applicable) [ISRG] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 1020 KIFER ROAD 07/23/2018 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SUNNYVALE, CA 94086 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 3. 5. Amount of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Beneficially Beneficial Disposed of (D) (D) or any Indirect (I) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Ownership (Instr. 8) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

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

Code

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Amount

975

(D)

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Price

\$0

4,419

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	onof Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (E		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	07/23/2018		M	97	75	(2)	07/23/2019	Common Stock	975

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Friedman Michael A 1020 KIFER ROAD SUNNYVALE, CA 94086	X						

Signatures

By: Lori Serrano For: Michael A Friedman 07/24/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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 acquired from the vest and release of an RSU grant previously issued to the Filer.
- (2) 1/3 of the grant will vest on the anniversary date of the grant over a three year period, provided however that vesting will cease on termination of the Director's service to the company.

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