

INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
SMITH LONNIE M

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)
02/15/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman of the Board

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)
Common Stock	04/20/2012		M	V Amount (A) or (D) Price	17,500 A \$ 47.86 308,775	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2012		S	17,500 (1) D \$ 575.0877 (2)	291,275	D	
Common Stock					95,681	I	by Trust

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 47.86	04/20/2012		M	17,500	(3)	02/11/2015	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 505.23	02/15/2012		A	2,500	(4)	02/15/2022	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMITH LONNIE M 1266 KIFER ROAD SUNNYVALE, CA 94086	X		Chairman of the Board	

Signatures

Lonnie M. Smith 04/23/2012

**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 sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan, entered into on March 8, 2012.
The average selling price for the transactions was \$575.08766. The shares sold at: \$569.00 - \$569.99 = 427 shares; \$570.00 to \$570.99 = 2,261 shares; \$571.00 - \$571.99 = 1,771 shares; \$572.00 - \$572.99 = 1,538 shares; \$573.00 - \$573.99 = 1,030 shares; \$574.00 - \$574.99 = 1,836 shares; \$575.00 - \$575.99 = 1,554 shares; \$576.00 - \$576.99 = 841 shares; \$577.00 - \$577.99 = 366 shares; \$578.00 - \$578.99 = 2,282 shares; \$579.00 - \$579.99 = 2,349 shares; \$580.00 - \$580.99 = 944 shares; \$581.00 - \$581.99 = 301 shares.
- (3) 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.
- (4) Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the 2000 Employee Stock Option Plan. The option vests 1/8th six months after the date of grant and 1/48th monthly thereafter.

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