

Link Matthew  
Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Link Matthew			(Month/Day/Year)	NUVASIVE INC [NUVA]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	01/01/2013	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
7475 LUSK BLVD				(Check all applicable)	
(Street)				<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
SAN DIEGO,Â CAÂ 92121				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
				Exec. VP U.S. Sales	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	8,161 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â
Common Stock	187 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	Â
Common Stock	62 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	Â
Common Stock	2,500 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	Â
Common Stock	9,375 <sup>(5)</sup>	D	Â
Common Stock	12,500 <sup>(6)</sup>	D	Â
Common Stock	5,000 <sup>(7)</sup>	D	Â

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	01/02/2009 <sup>(8)</sup>	01/02/2018	Common Stock	7,500	\$ 38.78	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	01/02/2010 <sup>(9)</sup>	01/02/2019	Common Stock	500	\$ 34.82	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	04/01/2011 <sup>(10)</sup>	04/01/2020	Common Stock	12,500	\$ 44.2	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	01/03/2012 <sup>(11)</sup>	01/03/2021	Common Stock	12,500	\$ 26.62	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Link Matthew 7475 LUSK BLVD SAN DIEGO, CA 92121	Â	Â	Â Exec. VP U.S. Sales	Â

## Signatures

Jason M. Hannon, Attorney-In-Fact for Matthew Link	01/04/2013
<b>**Signature of Reporting Person</b>	<b>Date</b>

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Shares acquired by the Reporting Person under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan from April 30, 2008 through April 30, 2012 and vested shares resulting from Restricted Stock Unit awards from January 1, 2010 through July 1, 2012.
- (2) Represents the unvested balance of an award of Restricted Stock Units that began vesting in 4 equal annual installments beginning on January 2, 2010.
- (3) Represents the unvested balance of an award of Restricted Stock Units that began vesting in 4 equal annual installments beginning on July 1, 2010.
- (4) Represents the unvested balance of an award of Restricted Stock Units that began vesting in 4 equal annual installments beginning on April 1, 2011.
- (5) Represents the unvested balance of an award of Restricted Stock Units that began vesting in 4 equal annual installments beginning on January 1, 2012.
- (6) Represents an award of Restricted Stock Units that vests in 4 equal annual installments beginning on January 1, 2013.

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- (7) Represents an award of Restricted Stock Units that vests in 4 equal annual installments beginning on October 1, 2013.
- (8) 25% of the total shares subject to the option vested on January 2, 2009, the first anniversary of the date of grant; the remaining shares continued to vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.
- (9) 25% of the total shares subject to the option vested on January 2, 2010, the first anniversary of the date of grant; the remaining shares continue to vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.
- (10) 25% of the total shares subject to the option vested on April 1, 2011, the first anniversary of the date of grant; the remaining shares continue to vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.
- (11) 25% of the total shares subject to the option vested on January 3, 2012, the first anniversary of the date of grant; the remaining shares continue to vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

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