

MELTZER MARK J  
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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 \*  
MELTZER MARK J

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)  
SVP & General Counsel

SUNNYVALE, CA 94086

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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		2,000 A \$ 107.27	2,574	D
Common Stock	10/22/2012		S		2,000 (1) D \$ 543.5915 (2)	574	D
Common Stock	10/22/2012		M		5,000 A \$ 309.46	5,574	D
Common Stock	10/22/2012		S		5,000 (1) D \$ 550	574	D
Common Stock	10/22/2012		M		2,625 A \$ 107.27	3,199	D

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Common Stock	10/22/2012	S	2,625 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 543.8827 <u>(3)</u>	574	D
Common Stock	10/22/2012	M	375	A	\$ 309.46	949	D
Common Stock	10/22/2012	S	375 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 543.8827	574	D

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)	\$ 107.27	10/22/2012		M	2,000	<u>(4)</u> 02/17/2019	Common Stock	2,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 107.27	10/22/2012		M	2,625	<u>(4)</u> 02/17/2019	Common Stock	2,625
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 309.46	10/22/2012		M	5,000	<u>(4)</u> 11/07/2017	Common Stock	5,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 309.46	10/22/2012		M	375	<u>(4)</u> 11/07/2017	Common Stock	375

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

MELTZER MARK J  
1266 KIFER ROAD  
SUNNYVALE, CA 94086

SVP & General Counsel

## Signatures

Mark Meltzer

10/23/2012

          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 13, 2012.
- (2) The average selling price for the transactions was \$543.591511. The shares sold at: \$541.00 - \$541.99 = 1,000 shares; \$542.00 to \$542.99 = 125 shares; \$543.00 - \$543.99 = 375 shares; \$548.00 - \$548.99 = 500 shares.
- (3) The average selling price for the transactions was \$543.591511. The shares sold at: \$542.00 to \$542.99 = 1,500 shares; \$543.00 - \$543.99 = 500 shares; \$545.00 - \$545.99 = 500 shares; \$548.00 - \$548.99 = 500 shares.
- (4) 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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