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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Friedman Michael A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC [ISRG]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 1020 KIFER	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/07/2018	_X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
SUNNYVAI	(Street)	86	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
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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)			4. Securities Acquired (A) onor Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(IIIstr. +)	
Common Stock	09/07/2018		M <u>(1)</u>	1,545	A	\$ 271.4833	5,964	D	
Common Stock	09/07/2018		S <u>(1)</u>	1,545	D	\$ 541.4588	4,419	D	
Common Stock	09/07/2018		M <u>(1)</u>	525	A	\$ 185.7333	4,944	D	
Common Stock	09/07/2018		S <u>(1)</u>	525	D	\$ 541.4588	4,419	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 185.7333	09/07/2018		M <u>(1)</u>	525	(2)	07/23/2025	Common Stock	525
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 271.4833	09/07/2018		M <u>(1)</u>	1,545	(3)	04/20/2027	Common Stock	1,54

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting o where there is a real constant of	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Friedman Michael A 1020 KIFER ROAD SUNNYVALE, CA 94086	X						

Signatures

By: Lori Serrano For: Michael A
Friedman

09/10/2018

**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) This transaction took place in accordance with a Trading Plan that complies with SEC Rule 10b5-1 and expires on August 6, 2019.
- (2) Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan. Option shall vest 1/3rd one year after the date of grant and 1/36th each month thereafter.

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Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan. Option shall vest 100% one year after the date of grant or at the next Shareholders Meeting, whichever should take place first, provided that vesting will cease on termination of the Directors service to the Company.

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