

INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC

Form 4

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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 *
GUTHART GARY S

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)
950 KIFER ROAD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/11/2008

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ 10% Owner
_____ Other (specify below)
President & COO

SUNNYVALE, CA 94086

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 08/11/2008 | | M | 5,000 A | \$ 47.86 | 16,398 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/11/2008 | | S | 4,562 D | \$ 302.89 | 11,836 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/11/2008 | | S | 138 D | \$ 303 | 11,698 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/11/2008 | | S | 200 D | \$ 302.21 | 11,498 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/11/2008 | | S | 100 D | \$ 301.96 | 11,398 | D |

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|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|-----------|--------|---|
| Common Stock | 08/11/2008 | M | 2,000 | A | \$ 18.5 | 13,398 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/11/2008 | S | 2,000 | D | \$ 302.89 | 11,398 | 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 | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 18.5 | 08/11/2008 | | M | 2,000 | <u>(1)</u> 02/13/2014 | Common Stock | 2,000 | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 47.86 | 08/11/2008 | | M | 5,000 | <u>(1)</u> 02/11/2015 | Common Stock | 5,000 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| GUTHART GARY S 950 KIFER ROAD SUNNYVALE, CA 94086 | | | President & COO | |

Signatures

Gary S. Guthart 08/11/2008

**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) 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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