

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)  
 08/06/2012

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

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 (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	08/06/2012		G	30,000 D \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>	244,775	D	
Common Stock	08/15/2012		G	50 D \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>	244,725	D	
Common Stock	08/15/2012		G	50 D \$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	244,675	D	
Common Stock	08/21/2012		G	6,870 A \$ 0 <sup>(4)</sup>	251,545	D	
Common Stock	10/07/2012		G	5,990 A \$ 0 <sup>(5)</sup>	257,535	D	

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Common Stock	10/22/2012	M	17,500	A	\$ 106.69	275,035	D	
Common Stock	10/22/2012	S	<u>17,500</u> (6)	D	\$ 543.2851 (7)	257,535	D	
Common Stock	08/06/2012	G	30,000	A	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>	140,681	I	by Trust
Common Stock	08/21/2012	G	6,870	D	\$ 0 <sup>(4)</sup>	133,811	I	by Trust
Common Stock	09/07/2012	G	5,990	D	\$ 0 <sup>(5)</sup>	127,821	I	by Trust

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 106.69	10/22/2012		M		17,500		<sup>(8)</sup>	02/07/2016	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 517.31	08/15/2012		A		2,500		<sup>(9)</sup>	08/15/2022	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

By: Lori Serrano For: Lonnie  
Smith

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) The reporting person contributed shares to a grantor retained annuity trust No. 8 ("GRAT No. 8").
- (2) These shares were gifted from the account of Lonnie Smith & Cheryl Smith, Community Property to Rebecca S Eggleston ACF Madeleine Diane Eggleston U/CO/UTMA.
- (3) These shares were gifted from the account of Lonnie Smith & Cheryl Smith, Community Property to Rebecca S Eggleston ACF Parker Keith Eggleston U/CO/UTMA.
- (4) Shares were distributed by GRAT No. 7 to Lonnie Smith & Cheryl Smith, Community Property.
- (5) Shares were distributed by GRAT No. 6 to Lonnie Smith & Cheryl Smith, Community Property.
- (6) These shares were sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan, entered into on March 8, 2012.  
These shares were sold pursuant to a 10b5-1 Plan. The shares were sold at an average price of \$543.285130. The actual selling price of
- (7) the shares was: \$541.00 - \$541.99 - 494 shares sold; \$542.00 - \$542.99 - 13,506 shares sold; \$543.00 - \$543.99 - 1,000 shares sold; \$547.00 - \$547.99 - 1,500 shares sold; \$548.00 - \$548.99 - 1,000 shares sold.
- (8) 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.
- (9) Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the 2010 Employee Stock Option Plan. Option shall vest 7/48 one month after the date of grant and 1/48th each month thereafter.

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