

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)
12/11/2008

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

SUNNYVALE, CA 94086
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/11/2008		M	5,000 A \$ 6	16,398	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)

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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)	8. D Se (In	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6	12/11/2008		M	5,000	<u>(1)</u>	03/17/2010	Common Stock	5,000
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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	12/11/2008
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

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).

Incentive Stock Option granted pursuant to the 1996 Equity Incentive Plan. Option shall vest 1/8 on the six-month anniversary of the (1) grant date and the remaining shares in equal installments over the next 42 months after the date of grant of 3/17/00. This Option is subject to early exercise provisions.

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