

MELTZER MARK J
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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 *
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)
950 KIFER ROAD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/26/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP & General Counsel

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	01/26/2011		M	1,500 A \$ 107.27	1,856	D	
Common Stock	01/26/2011		S	100 D \$ 338.6	1,756	D	
Common Stock	01/26/2011		S	40 D \$ 338.61	1,716	D	
Common Stock	01/26/2011		S	100 D \$ 338.63	1,616	D	
Common Stock	01/26/2011		S	60 D \$ 338.6	1,556	D	

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Common Stock	01/26/2011	S	418	D	\$ 338.18	1,138	D
Common Stock	01/26/2011	S	195	D	\$ 338.18	943	D
Common Stock	01/26/2011	S	205	D	\$ 338.18	738	D
Common Stock	01/26/2011	S	82	D	\$ 338.18	656	D
Common Stock	01/26/2011	S	200	D	\$ 338.18	456	D
Common Stock	01/26/2011	S	100	D	\$ 338.18	356	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)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 107.27	01/26/2011		M	1,500	⁽¹⁾ 02/17/2019	Common Stock 1,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
MELTZER MARK J 950 KIFER ROAD SUNNYVALE, CA 94086	Director 10% Owner Officer SVP & General Counsel

Signatures

/s/ Mark Meltzer

01/27/2011

**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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