INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and AdaSMITH LON	•	ing Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC [ISRG]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	_X_ Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify			
1266 KIFER ROAD (Street)			01/24/2012	below) below) Chairman of the Board			
			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
SUNNYVAL	E, CA 94086	6		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	ion Date 2A. Deemed		4. Securities onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/24/2012		J	3,429	D	\$ 0 (1)	109,401	I	by Trust
Common Stock	01/24/2012		J	3,430	D	\$ 0 (2)	105,971	I	by Trust
Common Stock	01/24/2012		J	3,430	D	\$ 0 (3)	102,541	I	by Trust
Common Stock	01/24/2012		J	3,430	D	\$ 0 (4)	99,111	I	by Trust
Common Stock	01/24/2012		J	3,430	D	\$ 0 (5)	95,681	I	by Trust

Common Stock

291,550

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)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Securi (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SMITH LONNIE M							
1266 KIFER ROAD	X		Chairman of the Board				

Signatures

SUNNYVALE, CA 94086

Lonnie M. 01/26/2012 Smith **Signature of Date

Reporting Person

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) Shares were distributed from GRAT No. 3 to Kristen J. Smith.
- Shares were distributed from GRAT No. 3 to Maryam Smith Keyser.
- Shares were distributed from GRAT No. 3 to the Rebecca Smith Eggleston Revocable Trust dated 10/26/10, Rebecca Smith Eggleston, Trustee.

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- (4) Shares were distributed from GRAT No. 3 to Michael L. Smith.
- (5) Shares were distributed from GRAT No. 3 to Catherine Smith Howell.

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