MELTZER MARK J

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FORM 4

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1(b).

(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) 1266 KIFER	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/20/2012	Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) SVP & General Counsel			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
SUNNYVAL	E, CA 94086			Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(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. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. 7. Nature of Ownership Form: Beneficial Direct (D) Ownership or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	04/20/2012		M	1,500	A	\$ 107.27	2,095	D		
Common Stock	04/20/2012		S	1,500 (1)	D	\$ 575.2961 (2)	595	D		
Common Stock	04/20/2012		M	2,000	A	\$ 107.27	2,595	D		
Common Stock	04/20/2012		S	2,000 (1)	D	\$ 575.2058 (3)	595	D		

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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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 107.27	04/20/2012		M	1,500	<u>(4)</u>	02/17/2019	Common Stock	1,50
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 107.27	04/20/2012		M	2,000	<u>(4)</u>	02/17/2019	Common Stock	2,00

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MELTZER MARK J 1266 KIFER ROAD SUNNYVALE, CA 94086

SVP & General Counsel

Signatures

Mark J. Melzer 04/23/2012 **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) These shares were sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan, entered into on March 13, 2012.
- (2) The average selling price for the transactions was 575.2959. The shares sold at: 569.00 569.99 = 37 shares; 570.00 to 570.99 = 37203 shares; \$571.00 - \$571.99 = 138 shares; \$572.00 - \$572.99 = 111 shares; \$573.00 - \$573.99 = 50 shares; \$574.00 - \$574.99 = 97

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shares; \$575.00 - \$575.99 = 101 shares; \$576.00 = \$576.99 = 267 shares; \$577.00 - \$577.99 = 29 shares; \$578.00 - \$578.99 = 177 shares; \$579.00 - \$579.99 = 187 shares; \$580.00 - \$580.99 = 78 shares; \$581.00 - \$581.99 = 25 shares.

- The average selling price for the transactions was \$575.2057. The shares sold at: \$569.00 \$569.99 = 52 shares; \$570.00 to \$570.99 = 258 shares; \$571.00 \$571.99 = 189 shares; \$572.00 \$572.99 = 157 shares; \$573.00 \$573.99 = 85 shares; \$574.00 \$574.99 = 148 shares; \$575.00 \$575.99 = 150 shares; \$576.00 = \$576.99 = 288 shares; \$577.00 \$577.99 = 39 shares; \$578.00 \$578.99 = 239 shares; \$579.00 \$579.99 = 260 shares; \$580.00 \$580.99 = 103 shares; \$581.00 \$581.99 = 32 shares.
- (4) 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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