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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Friedman Michael A			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% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)		
1020 KIFER ROAD			04/19/2018	below) below)		
	(Street)		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		
SUNNYVALE, CA 94086				Form filed by More than One Reporting		

(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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	Transactionor Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	04/19/2018		Code V M(1)	Amount 513	(D)	Price \$ 0	3,444	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2018		M	981	A	\$ 213.97	4,425	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2018		S(2)	981	D	\$ 458.1376	3,444	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2018		M	1,200	A	\$ 185.7333	4,644	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2018		S(2)	1,200	D	\$ 458.1376	3,444	D	

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	orDeriva Securi Acqui	ties red (A) posed of 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Shar
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 185.7333	04/20/2018		M		1,200	(3)	07/23/2025	Common Stock	1,2
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 213.97	04/20/2018		M		981	<u>(4)</u>	04/21/2026	Common Stock	98
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 462.71	04/19/2018		A	996		<u>(5)</u>	04/19/2028	Common Stock	99
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	04/19/2018		M		513	<u>(6)</u>	02/21/2018	Common Stock	51
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	04/19/2018		A	332		<u>(7)</u>	04/19/2022	Common Stock	33

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting owner rune, rune,	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Friedman Michael A 1020 KIFER ROAD SUNNYVALE, CA 94086	X						

Signatures

By: Lori Serrano For: Michael A Friedman 04/20/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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 acquired from the vest and release of an RSU grant previously issued to the Filer.
- (2) These options were exercised and the underlying shares sold pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on February 23, 2018.
- (3) Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan. Option shall vest 1/3rd one year after the date of grant and 1/36th each month thereafter.
- (4) Options will vest 100% on the earlier of the first anniversary of the date of grant or the date of the next annual stockholders meeting.
- Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan. Option shall vest 100% one year after the (5) date of grant or at the next Shareholders Meeting, whichever should take place first, provided that vesting will cease on termination of the
- (5) date of grant or at the next Shareholders Meeting, whichever should take place first, provided that vesting will cease on termination of the Directors service to the Company.
- (6) 100% of the grant will vest on the anniversary date of the grant or the next Annual Shareholders Meeting, whichever takes place first, provided however that vesting will cease on termination of the Director's service to the company.
- (7) Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) are granted pursuant to the 2010 Incentive Award Plan. The RSUs fully vest on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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