NUVASIVE INC Form 4 January 29, 2008

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Valentine Keith

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

NUVASIVE INC [NUVA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

01/04/2008

Director X_ Officer (give title

Other (specify below) President and COO

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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4545 TOWNE CENTRE COURT

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(First)

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

below)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

(State)

3. 4. Securities Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Security or Exercise any

5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, 5)	f (D)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.94	01/04/2008	A		200,000		<u>(1)</u>	01/03/2018	Common Stock	200,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Valentine Keith

4545 TOWNE CENTRE COURT President and COO

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

Signatures

/s/ Jason Hannon, Attorney-in-fact 01/29/2008

**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) 25% of the total number of shares subject to this option shall vest and become exercisable on January 4, 2009 which is the first anniversary of the date of grant; the remaining shares vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

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