SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C.20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: January 3, 2006 (Date of earliest event reported)

INTUITIVE SURGICAL, INC.

(exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

000-30713Commission File Number

77-0416458 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

950 Kifer Road Sunnyvale, California94086

(Address of Principal executive offices, including zip code)

(408) 523-2100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 5.02.

Appointment of Principal Officer.

On January 5, 2006 Intuitive Surgical, Inc (the "Company") announced the appointment of John F. Runkel, 50, as Senior Vice President and General Counsel effective January 3, 2006. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01.

Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Press Release issued by Intuitive Surgical, Inc., dated January 5, 2006

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

INTUITIVE SURGICAL, INC.

Date: January 5, 2006 By /s/ LONNIE M. SMITH

Name:Lonnie M. Smith

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

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