

MELTZER MARK J  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(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) (First) (Middle)  
1266 KIFER ROAD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
08/15/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP & General Counsel

SUNNYVALE, CA 94086

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |                       | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V Amount or Price (D) |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/10/2012                           |  | G                              | 2   | D                     | \$ 0<br>(1)   | 593  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 09/10/2012                           |  | G                              | 1   | D                     | \$ 0<br>(2)   | 592  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 09/10/2012                           |  | G                              | 18  | D                     | \$ 0<br>(3)   | 574  | 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) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 517.31  | 08/15/2012                           |  | A                              | 7,000  | (4) 08/15/2022   | Common Stock 7,000  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                           | Relationships  |
|--|--|
| MELTZER MARK J<br>1266 KIFER ROAD<br>SUNNYVALE, CA 94086 | Director 10% Owner Officer SVP & General Counsel Other |

## Signatures

Mark J Meltzer 09/18/2012  
 \*\*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) These shares were gifted to the Omega Boys Club.
- (2) These shares were gifted to the George School.
- (3) These shares were gifted to the University of California Berkeley Foundation.
- (4) Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the 2010 Employee Stock Option Plan. Option shall vest 7/48 one month after the date of grant and 1/48th each month thereafter.

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