INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SMITH LONNIE M			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 I	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/20/2012	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman of the Board
	(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
SUNNYVALE, CA 94086				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqu					ed, 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) or TransactiorDisposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	11/20/2012		M	23,949	A	\$ 106.69	281,484	D	
Common Stock	11/20/2012		S	23,949	D	\$ 536.6728 (1)	257,535	D	
Common Stock	11/21/2012		M	2,906	A	\$ 112.66	260,441	D	
Common Stock	11/21/2012		S	2,906	D	\$ 534.6251	257,535	D	
Common Stock	11/21/2012		M	13,551	A	\$ 106.69	271,086	D	

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Common Stock	11/21/2012	S	13,551	D	\$ 534.6251	257,535	D	
Common Stock						127,821	I	by Trust

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	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 Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 106.69	11/20/2012		M	23,949	(2)	02/07/2016	Common Stock	23,9
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 106.69	11/21/2012		M	13,551	(2)	02/07/2016	Common Stock	13,5
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 112.66	11/21/2012		M	2,906	(2)	02/15/2017	Common Stock	2,9

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiationsinps						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SMITH LONNIE M							
1266 KIFER ROAD	X		Chairman of the Board				
SUNNYVALE, CA 94086							

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By: Lori Serrano For: Lonnie M Smith

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**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).
- The shares were sold at an average price of \$536.6728. The actual selling price of the shares was: \$534.00 \$534.99 200 shares sold; (1) \$535.00 \$535.99 7,300 shares sold; \$536.00 \$536.99 11,931 shares sold; \$537.00 \$537.99 500 shares sold; \$539.00 \$539.99 -
- (1) \$535.00 \$535.99 7,300 shares sold; \$536.00 \$536.99 11,931 shares sold; \$537.00 \$537.99 500 shares sold; \$539.00 \$539.99 3,969 shares sold; and \$540.00 \$540.99 49 shares sold.
- (2) 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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