

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)  
950 KIFER ROAD  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/15/2011

\_\_\_ 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)

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 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                                                                                        | (D)                                                      | Price                             |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
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| (Instr. 3)                                      | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amo<br>or<br>Num<br>of Sh |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | \$ 341.19                          | 02/15/2011       | A          | 16,000                                                           |      |   |     |     | (1)                 | 02/15/2021         | Common<br>Stock | 16,0                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                          | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|                                                         | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| MELTZER MARK J<br>950 KIFER ROAD<br>SUNNYVALE, CA 94086 |               |           | SVP & General Counsel |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Mark Meltzer                      02/16/2011  
 \_\_Signature of                              Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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) Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the 2010 Incentive Award Plan. Option shall vest 1/8 six months after the date of grant and 1/48th each month thereafter.

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