

INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC  
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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 \*  
 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) (First) (Middle)  
 1266 KIFER ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/20/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman of the Board

SUNNYVALE, CA 94086

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	11/20/2012		G		4,000	D	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	11/27/2012		M		1,422	A	\$ 303.27
Common Stock	11/27/2012		S		1,422	D	\$ 528.1494 <sub>(2)</sub>
Common Stock	11/27/2012		M		25,031	A	\$ 112.66
Common Stock	11/27/2012		S		25,031	D	\$ 528.1494

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(2)

Common Stock 11/20/2012 G 4,000 A \$ 0 (3) 131,821 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 112.66	11/27/2012		M	25,031	(4) 02/15/2017	Common Stock	25,031
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 303.27	11/27/2012		M	1,422	(4) 02/15/2018	Common Stock	1,422

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Lonnie M Smith 11/28/2012  
 \*\*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) The reporting person contributed shares to a grantor retained annuity trust "GRAT Paylink."

The average selling price for the transactions (a total of 26,453 shares) was \$528.149422 The shares sold at: \$525.00 - \$525.99 = 2,280

(2) shares; \$526.00 to \$526.99 = 5,500 shares; \$527.00 - \$527.99 = 5,333 shares; \$528.00 - \$528.99 = 5,016 shares; \$529.00 - \$529.99 = 2,932 shares; \$530.00 - \$530.99 = 1,000 shares; \$531.00 - \$531.99 = 2,000 shares; and \$532.00 - \$532.99 = 2,392 shares.

(3) The shares received by this grantor retained annuity trust "GRAT Paylink" were transferred by the reporting employee.

(4) 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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