

HALVORSON ERIC H
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FORM 4

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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 *
 HALVORSON ERIC H

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)
 04/20/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	04/20/2012		M		2,500	A	\$ 288.5
Common Stock	04/20/2012		S		2,500	D	\$ 575.0788
					(1)		(2)

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 288.5	04/20/2012		M	2,500	⁽³⁾ 04/21/2018	Common Stock	2,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HALVORSON ERIC H 1266 KIFER ROAD SUNNYVALE, CA 94086		X		

Signatures

Eric H.
Halvorson

04/24/2012

**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 sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan, entered into on March 13, 2012.
The average selling price for the transactions was \$575.07884. The shares sold at: \$569.00 - \$569.99 = 65 shares; \$570.00 to \$570.99 = 323 shares; \$571.00 - \$571.99 = 236 shares; \$572.00 - \$572.99 = 214 shares; \$573.00 - \$573.99 = 108 shares; \$574.00 - \$574.99 = 392 shares; \$575.00 - \$575.99 = 196 shares; \$576.00 - \$576.99 = 109 shares; \$577.00 - \$577.99 = 48 shares; \$578.00 - \$578.99 = 307 shares; \$579.00 - \$579.99 = 331 shares; \$580.00 - \$580.99 = 129 shares; \$581.00 - \$581.99 = 42 shares.
- (3) Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan. Option shall vest 100% one year after the date of grant date.

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