

INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC  
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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 \*  
 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)  
 05/08/2012

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

SUNNYVALE, CA 94086

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/08/2012		G		1,500	D	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	05/14/2012		G		15,000	D	\$ 0
Common Stock	07/24/2012		M		12,500	A	\$ 47.86
Common Stock	07/24/2012		S		12,500 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	\$ 473.1781 <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock	07/24/2012		M		5,000	A	\$ 106.69

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Common Stock	07/24/2012	S	5,000 (3)	D	\$ 473.1781 (4)	274,775	D	
Common Stock	05/14/2012	G	15,000	A	\$ 0	110,681 (5)	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 47.86	07/24/2012		M	12,500	(6) 02/11/2015	Common Stock	12,500	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 106.69	07/24/2012		M	5,000	(6) 02/07/2016	Common Stock	5,000	

## 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                      07/25/2012  
 \*\*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) These shares were gifted from the account of Lonnie Smith & Cheryl Smith, Community Property to The Churst of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

(2) These shares were gifted from the account of Lonnie Smith & Cheryl Smith, Community Property to an indirect holding, McKram Investors II LLC.

(3) These shares were sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan, entered into on March 8, 2012.

(4) The average selling price for the transactions was \$473.178106 The shares sold at: \$470.00 - \$470.99 = 1,850 shares; \$471.00 to \$471.99 = 200 shares; \$472.00 - \$472.99 = 2,160 shares; \$473.00 - \$473.99 = 9,690 shares; \$474.00 - \$474.99 = 3,100 shares; \$475.00 - \$475.99 = 375 shares; \$478.00 - \$478.99 = 125 shares.

(5) These shares were received from the account of Lonnie Smith & Cheryl Smith, Community Property and are now held in an indirect holding at McKram Investors II, LLC.

(6) 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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