

NUVASIVE 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 \*  
Blackford Quentin S.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NUVASIVE INC [NUVA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
7475 LUSK BLVD.

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/18/2014

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
CFO and CAO

(Street)  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

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

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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	11/18/2014		M		7,020	A	\$ 29.95 7,820 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	11/19/2014		S		7,020	D	\$ 43.3754 800 <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock	11/18/2014		M		4,438	A	\$ 29.95 5,238 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	11/18/2014		F		3,760 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	\$ 43.97 1,478 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	11/19/2014		S		678 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	\$ 43.78 800 <sup>(1)</sup>	D

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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.95	11/18/2014		M	7,020	<u>(5)</u> 02/19/2020	Common Stock	7,020
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.95	11/18/2014		M	4,438	<u>(6)</u> 02/19/2020	Common Stock	4,438

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Blackford Quentin S. 7475 LUSK BLVD. SAN DIEGO, CA 92121			CFO and CAO	

## Signatures

/s/ Jason M. Hannon, Attorney-in-Fact for Quentin Blackford

11/20/2014

\_\_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) Shares directly held by the Reporting Person. The Reporting Person also holds conditional rights to receive or purchase (as appropriate) shares pursuant to previously disclosed Company equity awards.

(2) Weighted average from 41 transactions with prices ranging from \$43.0200 to \$43.6700. Upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, the Reporting Person will undertake to provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(3) Payment of exercise price and tax liability by Issuer's withholding of shares incident to the respective option exercise.

(4) Sale effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 Trading Plan adopted by the Reporting Person on December 13, 2013, which is intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1.

(5) The option, representing a right to purchase a total of 8,062 shares, became exercisable as follows: 25% of the shares vested on February 19, 2011; 1/48th of the remaining shares vested monthly thereafter so that all shares were fully vested as of February 19, 2014, subject to continued employment through each vesting period.

(6) The option, representing a right to purchase a total of 4,438 shares, became exercisable as follows: 25% of the shares vested on February 19, 2011; 1/48th of the remaining shares vested monthly thereafter so that all shares were fully vested as of February 19, 2014, subject to continued employment through each vesting period.

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