INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** GUTHART GARY S			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC [ISRG]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	Director 10% Owner			
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
950 KIFER ROAD			08/11/2008	President & COO			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)			
				X Form filed by One Reporting Person			
SUNNYVALE, CA 94086				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Form: Direct Code Beneficially Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount Price Common 08/11/2008 M 5,000 A \$ 47.86 16,398 D Stock Common 08/11/2008 S 4,562 D 11,836 D Stock 302.89 Common S D 08/11/2008 138 D \$ 303 11,698 Stock Common S 200 D 08/11/2008 11,498 D 302.21 Stock Common 08/11/2008 S 100 D 11,398 D 301.96 Stock

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Common Stock	08/11/2008	M	2,000	A	\$ 18.5	13,398	D
Common Stock	08/11/2008	S	2,000	D	\$ 302.89	11,398	D

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.5	08/11/2008		M	2,000	<u>(1)</u>	02/13/2014	Common Stock	2,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 47.86	08/11/2008		M	5,000	<u>(1)</u>	02/11/2015	Common Stock	5,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

GUTHART GARY S
950 KIFER ROAD
President & COO
SUNNYVALE, CA 94086

Signatures

Gary S. Guthart 08/11/2008

**Signature of Person Date

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- * 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 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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