GUTHART GARY S
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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 *
GUTHART GARY S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1020 KIFER ROAD

(Street)

SUNNYVALE, CA 94086

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC [ISRG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/16/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	02/16/2018		M(1)		3,375	A	$ 0	279,603	D	
Common Stock	02/16/2018		F(1)		1,674	D	$ 0	277,929	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2018		M(2)		2,600	A	$ 0	280,529	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2018		F(2)		1,290	D	$ 0	279,239	D	
Common Stock	02/18/2018		M(3)		1,875	A	$ 0	281,114	D	

Common Stock	02/18/2018		F(3)	930	D	$ 0	280,184	D

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 D S (
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	$ 0	02/18/2018		M			1,875	(4)	02/18/2018	Common Stock	1,875	
Restricted Stock Units	$ 0	02/17/2018		M			2,600	(4)	02/17/2019	Common Stock	2,600	
Restricted Stock Units	$ 0	02/16/2018		M			3,375	(4)	02/17/2020	Common Stock	3,375	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GUTHART GARY S 1020 KIFER ROAD SUNNYVALE, CA 94086	X		President & CEO	

Signatures

Gary S Guthart	02/21/2018
**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)	On 2/16/16, RSU shares were granted, vesting 25% per year over a four year period. RSUs convert into common stock on the vest date on a one-for-one basis. On 2/16/18, 25% of the shares were released and a portion of the shares were held back to cover the statutory tax withholding requirement. The net shares were deposited into the holders account
(2)	On 2/17/15, RSU shares were granted, vesting 25% per year over a four year period. RSUs convert into common stock on the grant date on a one-for-one basis. On 2/17/18, 25% of the shares were released and a portion of the shares were held back to cover the statutory tax withholding requirement. The net shares were deposited into the holders account
(3)	On 2/18/14, RSU shares were granted, vesting 25% per year over a four year period. RSUs convert into common stock on the grant date on a one-for-one basis. On 2/18/18, 25% of the shares were released and a portion of the shares were held back to cover the statutory tax withholding requirement. The net shares were deposited into the holders account.
(4)	Each Restricted Stock Unit, granted pursuant to the 2010 Employee Stock Option Plan, represents a contingent right to receive one share of Intuitive Surgical common stock. The grant vests 25% on the first anniversary of the date of grant and annually thereafter, over a four year period of time.

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