

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## FORM 4

Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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### REPORTING OWNER

**MELTZER MARK J**

CIK: **1415943**

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### ISSUER

**INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC**

CIK: **1035267** | IRS No.: **770416458** | State of Incorp.: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**  
SIC: **3842** Orthopedic, prosthetic & surgical appliances & supplies

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <b>MELTZER MARK J</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC [ISRG]</b>		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>SVP &amp; General Counsel</b>	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>01/25/2013</b>			
1266 KIFER ROAD						
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person	
SUNNYVALE, CA 94086						
(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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/25/2013		<u>M</u>		1,875	A	\$107.27	2,442	D	
Common Stock	01/25/2013		<u>S</u>		1,875 <sup>(L)</sup>	D	\$577.5958	567	D	
Common Stock	01/25/2013		<u>M</u>		5,000	A	\$309.46	5,567	D	
Common Stock	01/25/2013		<u>S</u>		5,000 <sup>(L)</sup>	D	\$577.9257	567	D	
Common Stock	01/25/2013		<u>M</u>		3,000	A	\$309.46	3,567	D	
Common Stock	01/25/2013		<u>S</u>		3,000 <sup>(L)</sup>	D	\$577.6111	567	D	
Common Stock	01/25/2013		<u>M</u>		125	A	\$309.46	692	D	
Common Stock	01/25/2013		<u>S</u>		125 <sup>(L)</sup>	D	\$577.5958	567	D	

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

										of Shares				
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$107.27	01/25/2013		<u>M</u>		1,875	(2)	02/17/2019	Common Stock	1,875	\$ 0	625	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$309.46	01/25/2013		<u>M</u>		5,000	(2)	11/07/2017	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 0	19,625	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$309.46	01/25/2013		<u>M</u>		3,000	(2)	11/07/2017	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 0	16,625	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$309.46	01/25/2013		<u>M</u>		125	(2)	11/07/2017	Common Stock	125	\$ 0	16,500	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. These shares were sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan, entered into on March 13, 2012.
2. 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.

**Signatures**

Mark Meltzer

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

01/28/2013

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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