INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC

Form 4

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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 INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC [ISRG]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 1020 KIFER	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/16/2016	_X_ Director 10% Owner Specify below)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person		
SUNNYVALE, CA 94086				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) (Z	^{Zip)} Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities ionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	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	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(======================================	(
Common Stock	02/17/2016		M	867	A	\$ 0 (1)	61,216	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2016		F	326	D	\$0	60,890	D	
Common Stock	02/18/2016		M	625	A	\$ 0 (2)	61,515	D	
Common Stock	02/18/2016		F	235	D	\$ 0 (2)	61,280	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Shar
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 535.16	02/16/2016		A	2,250	(3)	02/16/2026	Common Stock	2,2
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	02/18/2016		M	625	<u>(4)</u>	02/18/2018	Common Stock	62
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	02/17/2016		M	867	<u>(4)</u>	02/17/2019	Common Stock	86
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	02/16/2016		A	4,500	<u>(4)</u>	02/17/2020	Common Stock	4,5

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 5	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
GUTHART GARY S 1020 KIFER ROAD SUNNYVALE, CA 94086	X		President & CEO				

Signatures

By: Lori Serrano For: Gary S Guthart 02/18/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
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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 2/17/16, 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

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- (3) Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the 2010 Employee Stock Option Plan. The option vests 1/8th six months after the date of grant and 1/48th monthly thereafter.
- Each Restricted Stock Unit, granted pursuant to the 2010 Employee Stock Option Plan, represents a contingent right to receive one share (4) 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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