FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

<b>STATEMENT</b>	OF CHANGES IN	N BENEFICIAL	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person $^{\star}$ RUBASH MARK J					2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC [ ISRG ]						(Ch	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 950 KIFER ROAD					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/19/2007							Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)				pecify
(Street) SUNNY (City)			94086 (Zip)	4	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					Line	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne)  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																
Date			t. Transaction Date Month/Day/	Execution Date,		Code (Ins	n Dispose	ties Acquire d Of (D) (Ins	ed (A) or tr. 3, 4 and	Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	: Direct c r Indirect E str. 4) (	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
							Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)		Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a	tion(s)			(Instr. 4)	
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 Da if any (Month/Day/Y	Code	ransaction of Expiration Date of Securities (Month/Day/Year) Underlying		ies g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	e S Illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$269.34	10/19/2007		A		15,000		(1)	10/19/2017	Common Stock	15,000	\$0	15,000	0	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan. Option shall vest 1/3rd one year after the date of grant and 1/36th each month thereafter.

/s/ Mark J. Rubash 10/23/2007

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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).

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