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## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Add        |                |          | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC [ ISRG ] |                  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable) |                       |  |  |  |
|------------------------|----------------|----------|---|------------------|--|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| HALVORSON ERIC H       |                | <u>_</u> | [   | X                | Director   | 10% Owner             |  |  |  |
| (Last)<br>950 KIFER RO | (First)<br>OAD | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>07/27/2009                        |                  | Officer (give title below)   | Other (specify below) |  |  |  |
|                        |                |          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                              | 6. Indi<br>Line) | vidual or Joint/Group Fili   | ng (Check Applicable  |  |  |  |
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|                        |                | 5-000    |   |                  | Form filed by More th<br>Person  | an One Reporting      |  |  |  |
| (City)                 | (State)        | (Zip)    |   |                  |  |                       |  |  |  |

## Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |   |          | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|---|----------|---|---|---|--|
|                                 |  |   | Code                         | v | Amount (A) or<br>(D) Price   |   | Price    | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |   |   |  |
| Common Stock                    | 07/27/2009                                 |   | М                            |   | 3,500  | A | \$133.31 | 6,071   | D   |   |  |
| Common Stock                    | 07/27/2009                                 |   | S                            |   | 150  | D | \$217.34 | 5,921   | D   |   |  |
| Common Stock                    | 07/27/2009                                 |   | S                            |   | 200  | D | \$217.35 | 5,721   | D   |   |  |
| Common Stock                    | 07/27/2009                                 |   | S                            |   | 200  | D | \$217.36 | 5,521   | D   |   |  |
| Common Stock                    | 07/27/2009                                 |   | S                            |   | 100  | D | \$217.38 | 5,421   | D   |   |  |
| Common Stock                    | 07/27/2009                                 |   | S                            |   | 100  | D | \$217.4  | 5,321   | D   |   |  |
| Common Stock                    | 07/27/2009                                 |   | S                            |   | 600  | D | \$217.43 | 4,721   | D   |   |  |
| Common Stock                    | 07/27/2009                                 |   | S                            |   | 100  | D | \$217.43 | 4,621   | D   |   |  |
| Common Stock                    | 07/27/2009                                 |   | S                            |   | 100  | D | \$217.43 | 4,521   | D   |   |  |
| Common Stock                    | 07/27/2009                                 |   | S                            |   | 400  | D | \$217.44 | 4,121   | D   |   |  |
| Common Stock                    | 07/27/2009                                 |   | S                            |   | 50   | D | \$217.45 | 4,071   | D   |   |  |
| Common Stock                    | 07/27/2009                                 |   | S                            |   | 300  | D | \$217.5  | 3,771   | D   |   |  |
| Common Stock                    | 07/27/2009                                 |   | S                            |   | 1,200  | D | \$217.51 | 2,571   | D   |   |  |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)       | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | of<br>Deri<br>Sec<br>Acq<br>(A) (<br>Disp<br>of (I | oosed<br>D)<br>tr. 3, 4 | Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>d |                    | e Amount of<br>ear) Securities |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A)  | (D)                     | Date<br>Exercisable                      | Expiration<br>Date | Title                          | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |  |  |
| Non-<br>Qualified<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$133.31  | 07/27/2009                                 |   | М                            |   |  | 3,500                   | (1)                                      | 04/30/2017         | Common<br>Stock                | 3,500                                  | \$0   | 0  | D  |  |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan. Option shall vest 100% one year after the date of grant date.

<u>/s/ Eric H. Halvorson</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

07/28/2009

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).

\*\* 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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