

Samath Jamie
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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 *
 Samath Jamie

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1020 KIFER ROAD
 (Street)

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

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 VP & Principal Accounting Offi

SUNNYVALE, CA 94086

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

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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	(D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/16/2018		M ⁽¹⁾		843	A	\$ 0	1,232	D
Common Stock	02/16/2018		F ⁽¹⁾		292	D	\$ 0	940	D
Common Stock	02/17/2018		M ⁽²⁾		731	A	\$ 0	1,671	D
Common Stock	02/17/2018		F ⁽²⁾		349	D	\$ 0	1,322	D
Common Stock	02/18/2018		M ⁽³⁾		780	A	\$ 0	2,102	D

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Common Stock	02/18/2018		<u>F</u> ⁽³⁾	387	D	\$ 0	1,715	D
Common Stock	02/20/2018		<u>S</u> ⁽⁴⁾	861	D	\$ 420.0906	854	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. F	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	02/18/2018		M	780	<u>(5)</u>	02/18/2018	Common Stock	780
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	02/17/2018		M	731	<u>(5)</u>	02/17/2019	Common Stock	731
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	02/16/2018		M	843	<u>(5)</u>	02/17/2020	Common Stock	843

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Samath Jamie 1020 KIFER ROAD SUNNYVALE, CA 94086			VP & Principal Accounting Offi	

Signatures

Jamie Samath

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) The shares were sold subject to a 10b5-1 trading plan established on 11-1-17.
 - (5) 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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