

Miles Patrick
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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 *
 Miles Patrick

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NUVASIVE INC [NUVA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 7475 LUSK BLVD.

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/22/2008

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, Marketing and Development

(Street)
 SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 | 12/22/2008 | | M | | 500 | A | \$ 9.5 |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 12/22/2008 | | S ⁽²⁾ | | 500 | D | \$ 34.5835 |
| Common Stock | 12/23/2008 | | M | | 92 | A | \$ 9.5 |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 12/23/2008 | | S ⁽²⁾ | | 92 | D | \$ 34.49 |

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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 9.5 | 12/22/2008 | | M | 500 | (3) 12/17/2014 | Common Stock 500 | \$ |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 9.5 | 12/23/2008 | | M | 92 | (3) 12/17/2014 | Common Stock 92 | \$ |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Miles Patrick 7475 LUSK BLVD. SAN DIEGO, CA 92121 | | | EVP, Marketing and Development | |

Signatures

/s/ Jason Hannon,
Attorney-in-fact
12/24/2008

__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) The shares sold were acquired contemporaneously upon the cashless exercise of a stock option at an exercise price of \$9.50 per share.

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- (2) The sale reported on this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on June 4, 2008.
- (3) 25% of the total shares subject to the option vested on December 17, 2005, which was the first anniversary of the date of grant; the remaining shares vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

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