Rosa David J. Form 4 October 29, 2012

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Rosa David J.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1266 KIFER ROAD

(Street)

SUNNYVALE, CA 94086

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC [ISRG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 08/15/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify

below)

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-E	Derivative	Secui	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	(A) or	d of (D)	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)
Common Stock	10/26/2012		Code V M	Amount 6,000	(D)	\$ 112.66	6,849	D	
Common Stock	10/26/2012		S	6,000	D	\$ 538.7	849	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or 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 Amo Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Ar or Nu of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 112.66	10/26/2012		M		6,000	<u>(1)</u>	02/15/2017	Common Stock	6
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 517.31	08/15/2012		A	7,000		(2)	08/15/2022	Common Stock	7

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Rosa David J. 1266 KIFER ROAD SUNNYVALE, CA 94086

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Signatures

David J Rosa 10/29/2012

**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) Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the 2000 Employee Stock Option Plan. The option vests 1/8th six months after the date of grant and 1/48th monthly thereafter.
- (2) Non-statutory stock option granted pursuant to the 2010 Employee Stock Option Plan. Option shall vest 7/48 one month after the date of grant and 1/48th each month thereafter.

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