INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading MERCER WILLIAM J Issuer Symbol INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC (Check all applicable) [ISRG] _X__ Director (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction 10% Owner __Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) 950 KIFER ROAD 12/07/2005 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SUNNYVALE, CA 94086 Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	Derivative	Secur	ities 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. 4. Securities Acqui Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or		d of (D) 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)	
Common Stock	12/07/2005		Code V M	Amount 5,000	(D)	Price \$ 16.62	5,000	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2005		S	3,800	D	\$ 115.35	1,200	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2005		S	1,200	D	\$ 115.01	0	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	e Expiration I (Month/Day	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option	\$ 16.62	12/07/2005		M	5,000	<u>(1)</u>	03/24/2014	Common Stock	5,000	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting owner runner runners	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MERCER WILLIAM J 950 KIFER ROAD SUNNYVALE, CA 94086	X						

Signatures

/s/William J.
Mercer

**Signature of Reporting Person

12/09/2005

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) Vests in equal monthly installments over 36 months.

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