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Delaware (State or other jurisdiction	000-30713 Commission File Number	77-0416458 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
(exact name of registrant as specified i	n its charter)	
INTUITIVE SURGICAL, INC.		
(Date of earliest event reported)		
Date of Report: October 26, 2004		
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934		
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of		
CURRENT REPORT		
FORM 8-K		
Washington, D.C. 20549		
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COM	MISSION	
Form 8-K October 26, 2004		
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of incorporation or

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organization)
950 Kifer Road
Sunnyvale, California 94086
(Address of Principal executive offices, including zip code)
(408) 523-2100
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)
Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:
[] Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
[] Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12) [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)
[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)
Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.
On October 26, 2004, Intuitive Surgical issued a press release announcing its financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2004. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.02.
Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.
Press release issued by Intuitive Surgical, dated October 26, 2004

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

INTUITIVE SURGICAL, INC.

Date: October 26, 2004

By /s/ LONNIE M. SMITH

Name: Lonnie M. Smith

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 <u>Press Release issued by Intuitive Surgical, dated October 26, 2004.</u>

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