UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 15, 2020

INTUITIVE SURGICAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 000-30713

(Commission File Number)

77-0416458 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1020 Kifer Road Sunnyvale, California 94086 (Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (408) 523-2100 $\,$

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| | Title of each class | Trading Symbol(s) | Name of each exchange on which registered |
| | Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share | ISRG | The Nasdaq Global Select Market |
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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 15, 2020, Intuitive Surgical, Inc. ("Intuitive") issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2020. A copy of the press release is furnished hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that section and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing of Intuitive under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release issued by Intuitive Surgical, Inc., dated October 15, 2020.

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SIGNATURES

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

INTUITIVE SURGICAL, INC.

By: /s/ Marshall L. Mohr

Date: October 15, 2020

Name: Marshall L. Mohr

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer