

Hunsaker Craig E
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|-------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Hunsaker Craig E | | (Month/Day/Year) | NUVASIVE INC [NUVA] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 01/03/2011 | |
| 7475 LUSK BLVD | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| SAN DIEGO, CA 92121 | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| | | | (give title below) (specify below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| | | | SVP, Global Human Resources | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 3,190 | D | ^ |
| Common Stock | 15,000 ⁽¹⁾ | D | ^ |
| Common Stock | 8,000 ⁽²⁾ | D | ^ |
| Common Stock | 5,000 ⁽³⁾ | 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying | 4. Conversion | 5. Ownership | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
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| (Month/Day/Year) | | | Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|--------|--|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | |
| | Â (4) | 02/19/2020 | Common Stock | 20,000 | | \$ 29.95 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Hunsaker Craig E 7475 LUSK BLVD SAN DIEGO, CA 92121 | Â | Â | Â SVP, Global Human Resources | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Jason Hannon,
Attorney-In-Fact

01/05/2011

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Represents an award of Restricted Stock Units that began vesting in 4 equal annual installments beginning on August 1, 2009.
- (2) Represents an award of restricted stock units that vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on February 1, 2011.
- (3) Represents an award of restricted stock units that vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on August 1, 2011.
- (4) 25% of the total shares subject to the option will vest on February 19, 2011 which is the first anniversary of the date of grant; the remaining shares vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

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