FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Shameze Rampertab | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASENSUS SURGICAL, INC. [ASXC] | | | | | | | | | (Che | ck all applic | or | | 10% Ov | vner | |
| | ENSUS SUI | rst) RGICAL, INC. R DRIVE, SUIT | (Middle) E 160 | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/01/2021 | | | | | | | | X | below) | r (give title) P, Chief Financi | | Other (s below) ial Officer | · | | |
| (Street) DURHA (City) | | | 27703 (Zip) | | _ 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | 6. Inc Line) X | | | | | | |
| | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date) | | | | action | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, | | | 3. 4. Securi Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5) | | ies Acqu | red (A) | or | 5. Amou Securitie Benefici Owned F | es For (D) Following (I) (| | n: Direct r Indirect nstr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Cod | de V | | Amount | (A) (D) | or Pi | rice | Transact (Instr. 3 | tion(s) | | | (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common Stock 07/01/ | | | | | 1/2021 | 21 | | M | 1 | | 16,667 A | | . \$ | 0.00(1 | 16,667 | | | D | | | |
| Common Stock 07/01/ | | | | 1/2021 | 2021 | | F | | | 4,558 D | | | \$2.93 | 12,109 | | | D | | | | |
| | 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) | Derivative Conversion Date Execution Date, T Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any C | | | | 4. Transa Code (I 8) | | of Deri Seci Acq (A) o Disp of (E | of E | | 6. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | of Securities | | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | e S Illy | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exerc | isable | | xpiration ate | Title | or | ount nber res | | | | | | |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽²⁾ | \$0.00 | 07/01/2021 | | | М | | | 10,000 | (3 | 3) | | (3) | Commo Stock | 10, | 000 | \$0.00 | 20,000 | 0 | D | | |
| Restricted Stock | \$0.00 | 07/01/2021 | | | M | | | 6,667 | (4 | 4) | | (4) | Commo Stock | 6,0 | 667 | \$0.00 | 13,333 | 3 | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Lapse of forfeiture restrictions on one third of the grant of the time-based restricted stock units ("RSUs") and on one third of the performance-based RSUs awarded on August 24, 2020.
- 2. Each RSU represents the right to receive one share of the Registrant's common stock.
- $3.\ Lapse\ of\ for feiture\ restrictions\ on\ the\ 10,000\ time-based\ RSUs\ from\ this\ grant\ made\ on\ August\ 24,\ 2020.$
- 4. Lapse of forfeiture restrictions on the 6,667 performance-based RSUs from this grant made on August 24, 2020.

Remarks:

/s/ Joshua Weingard, as attorney-in-fact for Shameze Rampertab

07/02/2021

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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