FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington,	D.C. 20549	
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* PFENNIGER RICHARD C JR						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASENSUS SURGICAL, INC. [ASXC]									k all app	tionship of Reporting all applicable) Director		g Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner	
		rst) (N RGICAL, INC. R DRIVE, SUIT	Middle)		06/3	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/30/2021 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indi	below	Officer (give title below)		Other (spe below)	
(Street) DURHA (City)			7703 Zip)			Li									Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
				on-Deriva	tive \$	Secui	rities	Acc	uired	l, Dis	posed of	, or E	Bene	l ficiall	/ Own	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)			2. Transacti Date (Month/Day		2A. Deem Execution (ear) if any				ction Instr.	4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3,		or 5. Ar 4 and 5) Secu Bend Own		cially Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
							Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or P	rice		eu ction(s) 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ 06/3					021				A		5,095	A	. ;	\$0.00	85,569		Ι)	
Common Stock 07/0			07/01/2	021				A		13,846(2)(3	B) A \$(0.00(2)	99,415		Ι)		
	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)	ive Conversion Date Execution Date y or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		tion Date,	on Date, Transac				6. Date Expira (Month	tion D		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Ins 3 and 4)		De Se (In	Price of rivative curity str. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Owners Form: Direct (or Indir (I) (Inst	wnership	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
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Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Represents an equity award issued under the Registrant's Amended and Restated Incentive Compensation Plan in lieu of an annual cash retainer, paid quarterly in arrears for the quarter ended June 30,
- 2. Represents restricted stock units ("RSUs"). Each RSU represents the right to receive one share of the Registrant's common stock.
- 3. Forfeiture restrictions will lapse on the RSUs on the first anniversary of the date of grant, provided that if the date of the 2022 annual meeting of stockholders is earlier, the restrictions will lapse on the

Remarks:

/s/ Joshua Weingard, as attorney-in-fact for Richard C. 07/02/2021 **Pfenniger**

** Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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