Registration No. 333-263711 Registration No 333-224049 Registration No 333-209486 Registration No 333-209485

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-3

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO REGISTRATION STATEMENT NO. 333-263711 POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO REGISTRATION STATEMENT NO. 333-224049 POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO REGISTRATION STATEMENT NO. 333-209486 POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO REGISTRATION STATEMENT NO. 333-209485 UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

ASENSUS SURGICAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 11-2962080 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

Durham, NC 27703 (919) 765-8400

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

1 TW Alexander Drive, Suite 160

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(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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| Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. | | | | | | | | | |
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TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION

This Post-Effective Amendment relates to the following Registration Statements on Form S-3 (the "Registration Statements") filed by Asensus Surgical, Inc. (the "Company") with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), to deregister any and all securities registered but unsold or otherwise unissued as of the date hereof under the Registration Statements:

- Form S-3, File No. 333-263711, filed on March 18, 2022 and declared effective on April 28, 2022, registering up to \$150,000,000 in the aggregate of securities consisting of the Company's common stock, preferred stock, warrants and units.
- Form S-3/A, File No. 333-224049, filed on March 30, 2018 and declared effective on April 18, 2018, registering 2,531,195 shares of the Company's common stock (not stock-split adjusted) for resale.
- Form S-3/A, File No. 333-209486, filed on March 4, 2016 and declared effective on March 14, 2016, registering 15,543,413 shares of the Company's common stock (not stock-split adjusted) for resale.
- Form S-3/A, File No. 333-209485, filed on March 4, 2016 and declared effective on March 14, 2016 the same day, registering 42,759,127 shares of the Company's common stock (not stock-split adjusted) for resale.

Pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of June 6, 2024 (the "Merger Agreement"), by and among the Company, KARL STORZ Endoscopy-America, Inc., a California corporation ("Parent"), and Karl Storz California Inc., a California corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Parent ("Merger Sub"), Merger Sub merged with and into the Company, with the Company continuing as the surviving corporation and a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Parent.

As a result of the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement, the Company has terminated all offerings of its securities pursuant to the Registration Statements and, in accordance with undertakings made by the Company in the Registration Statements to remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering, hereby removes and withdraws from registration all securities registered pursuant to the Registration Statements that remain unsold as of the date hereof. The Registration Statements are hereby amended, as appropriate, to reflect the deregistration of such securities.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Durham, State of North Carolina on the 22nd day of August 2024.

Asensus Surgical, Inc.

By: /s/ Shameze Rampertab

Shameze Rampertab, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Pursuant to the Rule 478 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, no other person is required to sign this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement.