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The accused products in this case include Intuitive Surgical's da Vinci Si, Xi, and X surgical systems and robotic surgical staplers for use with those systems. Stapler reloads for the robotic surgical staplers are also accused. Intuitive Surgical introduced its first robotic stapler instrument for its da Vinci Si robot in March 2013. This stapler produced a 45mm staple line. Intuitive has since introduced 45mm and 30mm staplers for its da Vinci Xi robot. The accused products include a surgeon console, a patient cart where the accused surgical staplers are connected, and a vision cart. This concludes the background discussion in this tutorial. My colleague Anish Desai will now discuss the asserted patents in more detail.

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