

DARBY JAMES A
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DARBY JAMES A

(Last) (First) (Middle)
11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY,
SUITE 400
(Street)

JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SAIA INC [SAIA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/03/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

VP of Finance & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | 7,000 | 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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-----|---|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 11.96 | 02/03/2009 | | A | | 7,070 | | 02/03/2012 | 02/02/2016 | Common Stock | 7,070 |
| Phantom Stock | (3) | | | | | | | (1) | (2) | Common Stock | 24,893.5 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 4.209 | | | | | | | 07/20/2002 | 07/20/2010 | Common Stock | 6,644 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 4.363 | | | | | | | 10/25/2002 | 10/25/2010 | Common Stock | 18,192 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 23 | | | | | | | 02/03/2008 | 02/02/2012 | Common Stock | 1,300 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 27.38 | | | | | | | 01/28/2009 | 01/27/2013 | Common Stock | 2,170 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 26.72 | | | | | | | 02/02/2010 | 02/01/2014 | Common Stock | 3,710 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 14.71 | | | | | | | 02/01/2011 | 01/31/2015 | Common Stock | 8,220 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097

VP of
Finance &
CFO

Signatures

/s/ Stephanie R.
Maschmeier

02/05/2009

**Signature of Reporting
Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Immediate
- (2) The shares of phantom stock become payable, in stock, upon reporting person's termination of service as an employee, in accordance with the terms of the Plan.
- (3) The conversion rate of this derivative security on February 3, 2009 is 0.8536 resulting in 21,249.30 shares of common stock (underlying security in column 7).

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