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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * French Linda J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

SAIA INC [SAIA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY, 05/04/2010

(Street)

(State)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

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

SUITE 400

(City)

(Last)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common

Stock

Code V Amount (D) Price

6,894 D

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	r	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title and A	Amount of	8. Pric
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transac	ionof Derivat	ive	Expiration D	ate	Underlying S	Securities	Deriva
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities		(Month/Day/	Year)	(Instr. 3 and	4)	Securi
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired						(Instr.
	Derivative				(A) or						
	Security				Disposed	of					
					(D)						
					(Instr. 3, 4	١,					
					and 5)						
							Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	
				Code V	/ (A) ((D)				Shares	
Phantom Stock	\$ 1	05/04/2010		A	2,965		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	2,965	\$ 16

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Paint, Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
French Linda J 11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY, SUITE 400 JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097	X						

Signatures

/s/ Stephanie R.

Maschmeier

**Signature of Reporting Date

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) The shares of phantom stock become payable in the Company's common stock upon the reporting person's termination of service as a Director.

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