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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Robinson Mark H (Last) (First) (Middle)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SAIA INC [SAIA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Enternal application)			
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY, SUITE 400			08/03/2012	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice President of IT			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	Securi	ties Acc	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities nAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	08/03/2012		M	1,310	A	\$ 23	21,729	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2012		S	1,310	D	\$ 23	20,419	D	

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

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$\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (\emph{e.g.}, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \\ \end{tabular}$

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Acqu (A) o Dispo	erivative rities ired rosed of 3, 4,	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)	\$ 16.88	08/03/2012		M		1,310	08/24/2008	08/24/2012	Common Stock	1,310
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.1						02/02/2013	02/01/2017	Common Stock	6,840
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 23						02/03/2008	02/02/2012	Common Stock	1,280
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.38						01/28/2009	01/27/2013	Common Stock	3,570
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.72						02/02/2010	02/01/2014	Common Stock	3,430
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.71						02/01/2011	01/31/2015	Common Stock	7,970
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.96						02/03/2012	02/02/2016	Common Stock	6,860
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.39						05/02/2014	05/01/2018	Common Stock	6,040
	\$ 15.07						07/29/2014	07/28/2018		11,000

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Stock Options (Right to Buy)				Common Stock	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.5	02/02/2015 02/02	2/2019	Common Stock	7,420
Phantom Stock	(1)	<u>(2)</u>	(3)	Common Stock	13,486.05

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Robinson Mark H 11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY, SUITE 400 JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097

Vice President of IT

Signatures

/s/ Stephanie R.
Maschmeier
08/07/2012

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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 conversion rate of this derivative security on August 3, 2012 is 0.8404 resulting in 11,333.21 shares of common stock (underlying security in column 7).
- (2) Immediate
- (3) 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.

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