#### SKILLSOFT PUBLIC LIMITED CO

Form 4 April 28, 2008

#### FORM 4

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

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

See Instruction 1(b).

American Depositary

Shares (1)
American

04/24/2008

04/24/2008

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

MORAN CHARLES E Symbol SKILLS [SKIL]			LSOFT PUBLIC LIMITED CO				Issuer (Check all applicable)			
Т, 107	(Month/D	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/24/2008			>	X_ Officer (give title Other (specify				
(Street) NH 03062			e Original		Apj _X_	plicable Line) _ Form filed by One _ Form filed by Mor	e Reporting Per	son		
(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-De	rivative Se	curitie	s Acquire	ed, Disposed of, o	r Beneficially	y Owned		
		Transaction	or Disposed	(A) or		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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
04/24/2008		M 2	246,200	A	\$ 4.06	246,200	D			
04/24/2008		S(2)	20,195	D	\$ 10.05	226,005	D			
	(First) ( FT, 107 ASTERN BLVD (Street)  NH 03062 (State)  2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)	SKILLS [SKIL]  (First) (Middle) 3. Date of (Month/E) (Month/E) (Month/E) (Month/E) (Street) 4. If Ame Filed(Month/E) (Street) 4. If Ame Filed(Month/E) (State) (Zip) Table  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)  Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	SKILLSOFT PUB [SKIL]  (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Tran (Month/Day/Year)  O4/24/2008  STERN BLVD  (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Filed(Month/Day/Year)  NH 03062  (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-De  2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction any Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)  Code V  04/24/2008	SKILLSOFT PUBLIC LIM [SKIL]  (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  O4/24/2008  STERN BLVD  (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  NH 03062  (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Se  2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securitie (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed any Code (Instr. 3, 4 and (Month/Day/Year))  (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)  Code V Amount  04/24/2008  M 246,200	SKILLSOFT PUBLIC LIMITED [SKIL]  (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  O4/24/2008  STERN BLVD  (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  NH 03062  (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities  2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acque (Month/Day/Year)  Execution Date, if Transactionor Disposed of (Dany Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year)  (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)  (A) or Code V Amount (D)  04/24/2008  M 246,200 A	Symbol SKILLSOFT PUBLIC LIMITED CO [SKIL]  (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Delt STERN BLVD  (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) Apply  STERN BLVD  (Street) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction or Disposed of (D) any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)  (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price  04/24/2008 M 246,200 A \$ 4.06	SKILLSOFT PUBLIC LIMITED CO [SKIL]  (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year)  (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)  X_ Form filed by One — Form filed by Mor Person  (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) Securities  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) Securities  (A) Orr (Code V Amount (D) Price)  O4/24/2008  M 246,200 A \$ 4.06 246,200	Symbol SKILLSOFT PUBLIC LIMITED CO [SKIL]  (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) (STERN BLVD  (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) X. Form filed by One Reporting Per Form filed by More than One Rep Person  Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)  Code V Amount (D) Price  O4/24/2008  M 246,200 A \$ 4.06 246,200 D		

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2,800

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\$ 10.06 224,305

\$ 10.07 221,505

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04/24/2008	S(2)	49,805	D	\$ 10.1	171,700	D
04/24/2008	S(2)	700	D	\$ 10.11	171,000	D
04/24/2008	S(2)	500	D	\$ 10.12	170,500	D
04/24/2008	S(2)	20,500	D	\$ 10.15	150,000	D
04/24/2008	S(2)	51,905	D	\$ 10.2	98,095	D
04/24/2008	S(2)	3,600	D	\$ 10.205	94,495	D
04/24/2008	S(2)	1,762	D	\$ 10.21	92,733	D
04/24/2008	S(2)	2,400	D	\$ 10.22	90,333	D
04/24/2008	S(2)	11,779	D	\$ 10.23	78,554	D
04/24/2008	S(2)	10,700	D	\$ 10.24	67,854	D
04/24/2008	S(2)	1,000	D	\$ 10.245	66,854	D
04/24/2008	S(2)	36,833	D	\$ 10.25	30,021	D
04/24/2008	S(2)	100	D	\$ 10.255	29,921	D
04/24/2008	S(2)	7,600	D	\$ 10.26	22,321	D
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American Depositary Shares (1)	04/24/2008	S(2)	200	D	\$ 10.265	22,121	D	
American Depositary Shares (1)	04/24/2008	S(2)	5,100	D	\$ 10.27	17,021	D	
American Depositary Shares (1)	04/24/2008	S(2)	1,400	D	\$ 10.28	15,621	D	
American Depositary Shares (1)	04/24/2008	S(2)	2,300	D	\$ 10.29	13,321	D	
American Depositary Shares (1)	04/24/2008	S(2)	601	D	\$ 10.3	12,720	D	
American Depositary Shares (1)	04/24/2008	S(2)	12,638	D	\$ 10.31	82	D	
American Depositary Shares (1)	04/24/2008	S(2)	82	D	\$ 10.34	0	D	
American Depositary Shares (1)	04/24/2008	S(3)	50,000	D	\$ 10.3	199,853	I	See Footnote (4)
American Depositary Shares (1)						209,358	I	See Footnote (5)
American Depositary Shares (1)						209,358	I	See Footnote (6)
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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)			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
Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares (9)	\$ 4.06	04/24/2008		M		246,200	(10)	08/16/2012	Ordinary Shares (9)	246,200

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
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MORAN CHARLES E SKILLSOFT 107 NORTHEASTERN BLVD NASHUA, NH 03062	X		President and CEO					

### **Signatures**

/s/Greg Porto (for Charles E. 04/28/2008 Moran)

\*\*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) American Depositary Shares evidenced by American Depositary Receipts, each of which represents one Ordinary Share of SkillSoft Public Limited Company, nominal value 0.11 (Euro) per Ordinary Share.
- (2) Sale made pursuant to Mr. Moran's Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan adopted in April 2008.
- (3) Sale made pursuant to Susan M. Moran 1994 Trust Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan adopted in April 2008.
- (4) Held by the Susan M. Revocable Trust, of which the Reporting Person's spouse is trustee. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities to the extent to which such person does not have an actual pecuniary interest in these securities.
- Held by the Moran Children's Trust DTD 3-4-98 FBO Michael Moran, of which the Reporting Person's spouse is trustee. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities to the extent to which such person does not have an actual pecuniary interest in these securities.
- Held by the Moran Children's Trust DTD 3-4-98 FBO Katie Moran, of which the Reporting Person's spouse is trustee. The Reporting

  (6) Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities to the extent to which such person does not have an actual pecuniary interest in these securities.
- Held by the Moran Children's Trust DTD 3-4-98 FBO Kelly Moran, of which the Reporting Person's spouse is trustee. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities to the extent to which such person does not have an actual pecuniary interest in these securities.

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Held by the Moran Children's Trust DTD 3-4-98 FBO Kristin Moran, of which the Reporting Person's spouse is trustee. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities to the extent to which such person does not have an actual pecuniary interest in these securities.

- (9) Each issued and outstanding Ordinary Share of the issuer, or option to purchase an ordinary share of the issuer, is represented by one (1) ADS.
- (10) 100% of the shares subject to this option were fully vested at 8/16/2006.

#### **Remarks:**

This Form 4 is the first of two Forms 4 filed by the Reporting Person related to transactions occurring on April 24, 2008.

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