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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

SAIA INC [SAIA]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

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

11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY, 05/02/2011

below) VP of Finance & CFO

SUITE 400

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

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D

Person

below)

JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097

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

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

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

4. Securities

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Indirect (I) Owned Following (Instr. 4) Reported

Ownership (Instr. 4)

Indirect

Beneficial

(9-02)

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Common Stock

(City)

11,673

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivat Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	tive of	6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.39	05/02/2011		A	6,230		05/02/2014	05/01/2018	Common Stock	6,230
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.1						02/02/2013	02/01/2017	Common Stock	7,060
Phantom Stock	(2)						<u>(1)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	24,893.59
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
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.96						02/03/2012	02/02/2016	Common Stock	7,070

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Kelationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

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DARBY JAMES A 11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY, SUITE 400 JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097 VP of Finance & CFO

Signatures

/s/ Stephanie R. 05/04/2011 Maschmeier

**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 conversion rate of this derivative security on May 2, 2011 is 0.8416 resulting in 20,950.35 shares of common stock (underlying security in column 7).
- (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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