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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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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

SAIA INC [SAIA]

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

11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY, 05/02/2011 SUITE 400

(Street)

(State)

(City)

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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

below)

JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

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

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

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Common

Stock

Code V Amount (D) Price

3,929 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	6. Date Exe	rcisable and	7. Title and	Amount of	8. Pric
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction of Derivative		e Expiration	Expiration Date		Underlying Securities	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code Securities		(Month/Day	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Acquired					(Instr.
	Derivative				(A) or					
	Security				Disposed of	Î				
					(D)					
					(Instr. 3, 4,					
					and 5)					
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	
				Code '	/ (A) (I))			Shares	
Phantom Stock	\$ 1	05/02/2011		A	2,367	<u>(1)</u>	(1)	Common Stock	2,367	\$ 16

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

French Linda J

11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY, SUITE 400 X

JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097

Signatures

/s/ Stephanie R.
Maschmeier

**Signature of Reporting

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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