

DARBY JAMES A
Form 4
September 16, 2011

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY,
SUITE 400

(Street)

JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
SAIA INC [SAIA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

VP of Finance & CFO

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	11,673	D	

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)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date Date	Title Amount Number Shares
Phantom Stock	<u>(2)</u>	09/14/2011		I	2,420.136	<u>(1)</u> <u>(3)</u>	Common Stock 2,420
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.1					02/02/2013 02/01/2017	Common Stock 7,0
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 23					02/03/2008 02/02/2012	Common Stock 1,3
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.38					01/28/2009 01/27/2013	Common Stock 2,1
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.72					02/02/2010 02/01/2014	Common Stock 3,7
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.71					02/01/2011 01/31/2015	Common Stock 8,2
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.96					02/03/2012 02/02/2016	Common Stock 7,0
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.39					05/02/2014 05/01/2018	Common Stock 6,2

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
DARBY JAMES A 11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY, SUITE 400	VP of Finance &

JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097

CFO

Signatures

/s/ Stephanie R.
Maschmeier

09/16/2011

__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 September 14, 2011 is 0.8570 resulting in 23,408.73 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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