

SAIA INC  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â ALBANESE ANTHONY D			(Month/Day/Year)	SAIA INC [SAIA]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	07/20/2006	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
4435 MAIN STREET, SUITE 930				(Check all applicable)	
(Street)				<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
KANSAS CITY,Â MOÂ 64111				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
				Sr. VP Operations & Sales	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable      Expiration Date	Title      Amount or Number of Shares			

(Instr. 5)

Phantom Stock	Â (2)	Â (3)	Common Stock	30,945.621	\$ (1)	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to buy)	02/03/2008	02/02/2012	Common Stock	3,390	\$ 23	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to buy)	01/28/2009	01/27/2013	Common Stock	5,500	\$ 27.38	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ALBANESE ANTHONY D 4435 MAIN STREET, SUITE 930 KANSAS CITY, MO 64111	Â	Â	Â Sr. VP Operations & Sales	Â

## Signatures

James J. Bellinghausen 07/27/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 July 20, 2006 is 0.7971 resulting in 24,666 shares of common stock (underlying security in column 7).
- (3) The shares of phantom stock become payable, in cash, upon reporting person's termination of service as an employee.
- (2) Immediate

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