

DARBY JAMES A  
Form 4  
March 11, 2011

**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
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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 below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below)

VP of Finance &amp; CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/09/2011		A	(A) or (D) Amount 3,179 (5)	\$ 15.49 (5)	12,839	D
Common Stock	03/09/2011		F	(A) or (D) Amount 1,166 (1)	\$ 15.49 (1)	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)

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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.1					02/02/2013 02/01/2017	Common Stock 7,060
Phantom Stock	(3)					(2) (4)	Common Stock 24,893.595
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

Relationships

Director

10% Owner

Officer

Other

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JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097

VP of  
Finance &  
CFO

## Signatures

/s/ Stephanie R.  
Maschmeier

03/11/2011

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) Shares withheld at officer's election to cover tax liabilities incurred upon the issuance of Performance Unit Awards under the Amended and Restated 2003 Omnibus Incentive Plan for the 2008-2010 performance period.
- (2) Immediate
- (3) The conversion rate of this derivative security on March 9, 2011 is 0.8441 resulting in 21,012.24 shares of common stock (underlying security in column 7).
- (4) 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.
- (5) Issuance of Performance Unit Awards under the Amended and Restated 2003 Omnibus Incentive Plan for the 2008-2010 performance period.

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