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(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person	_
RAMIUS CAPITAL GROUP LLC	

(First) (Middle)

666 THIRD AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR,

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SAIA INC [SAIA]

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

09/07/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director _X__ 10% Owner Officer (give title _ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

NEW YORK, NY 10017

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	(A) or			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, \$.001 par value	09/07/2006		S	1,933	D	\$ 30.3174	292,040	I (1)	By Parche, LLC
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	09/07/2006		S	15,768	D	\$ 30.2806	276,272	I (1)	By Parche, LLC
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	09/08/2006		S	4,591	D	\$ 30.9451	271,681	I (1)	By Parche, LLC

Common Stock, \$.001 par value	09/07/2006	S	3,001	D	\$ 30.3174	453,199	I (2)	By Ramius Master Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	09/07/2006	S	24,471	D	\$ 30.2806	428,728	I (2)	By Ramius Master Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	09/08/2006	S	7,124	D	\$ 30.9451	421,604	I (2)	By Ramius Master Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	09/07/2006	S	673	D	\$ 30.3174	101,591	I (3)	By RCG Ambrose Master Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	09/07/2006	S	5,485	D	\$ 30.2806	96,106	I (3)	By RCG Ambrose Master Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	09/08/2006	S	1,597	D	\$ 30.9451	94,509	I (3)	By RCG Ambrose Master Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	09/07/2006	S	619	D	\$ 30.3174	93,535	I (4)	By RCG Halifax Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	09/07/2006	S	5,050	D	\$ 30.2806	88,485	I (4)	By RCG Halifax Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	09/08/2006	S	1,470	D	\$ 30.9451	87,015	I (4)	By RCG Halifax Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	09/07/2006	S	4,810	D	\$ 31.3174	726,476	I (5)	By Starboard Value (6)
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	09/07/2006	S	39,226	D	\$ 30.2806	687,250	I (5)	By Starboard Value (6)
	09/08/2006	S	11,419	D		675,831	I (5)	

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Common	\$	Ву
Stock,	30.9451	Starboard
\$.001 par		Value <u>(6)</u>
value		

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transaction	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Title Amou		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)	Bene
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	•				(A) or						Repo
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					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
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									Amount		
									or		
						Date	Expiration		Number		
						Exercisable	Date		of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
RAMIUS CAPITAL GROUP LLC 666 THIRD AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017		X					
Starboard Value & Opportunity Fund, LLC 666 THIRD AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017		X					
Parche, LLC 666 THIRD AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017		X					
Admiral Advisors, LLC 666 THIRD AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017		X					
C4S & CO LLC 666 THIRD AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR		X					

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RCG Ambrose Master Fund, Ltd.

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Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey M. Solomon, authorized signatory 09/11/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

/s/ Jeffrey M. Solomon, as Attorney in Fact for Peter A. 09/11/2006

Cohen

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

/s/ Jeffrey M. Solomon, as Attorney in Fact for Thomas W.
Strauss

09/11/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

/s/ Jeffrey M. Solomon, as Attorney in Fact for Morgan B.

Stark 09/11/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Consists of shares of Common Stock held by Parche, LLC (Parche). Each of Messrs. Peter A. Cohen, Morgan B. Stark, Jeffrey M. Solomon and Thomas W. Strauss is an authorized signatory for Admiral Advisors, LLC (Admiral), the managing member of Parche, and is also a managing member of C4S & Co, L.L.C. (C4S), the managing member of Ramius Capital Group, LLC (Ramius). Each of Messrs.

- (1) Cohen, Stark, Solomon and Strauss, Ramius, C4S and Admiral may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares held by Parche. Each of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Solomon and Strauss, Ramius, C4S and Admiral disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.
- (2) Consists of shares of Common Stock held by Ramius Master Fund, Ltd. (Ramius Master). Each of Messrs. Peter A. Cohen, Morgan B. Stark, Jeffrey M. Solomon and Thomas W. Strauss is a managing member of C4S & Co, L.L.C. (C4S), the managing member of Ramius Capital Group, LLC (Ramius), the managing member of Ramius Advisors, LLC (Ramius Advisors), the investment manager of Ramius Master. Each of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Solomon and Strauss, Ramius, Ramius Advisors and C4S may be deemed to be the beneficial

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owner of the shares held by Ramius Master. Each of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Solomon and Strauss, Ramius, Ramius Advisors and C4S disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.

- Consists of shares of Common Stock held by RCG Ambrose Master Fund, Ltd. (RCG Ambrose). Each of Messrs. Peter A. Cohen, Morgan B. Stark, Jeffrey M. Solomon and Thomas W. Strauss is a managing member of C4S & Co, L.L.C. (C4S), the managing member of Ramius Capital Group, LLC (Ramius), the investment manager of RCG Ambrose. Each of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Solomon and Strauss, Ramius and C4S may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares held by RCG Ambrose. Each of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Solomon and Strauss, Ramius and C4S disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.
 - Consists of shares of Common Stock held by RCG Halifax Fund, Ltd. (RCG Halifax). Each of Messrs. Peter A. Cohen, Morgan B. Stark, Jeffrey M. Solomon and Thomas W. Strauss is a managing member of C4S & Co, L.L.C. (C4S), the managing member of Ramius
- (4) Capital Group, LLC (Ramius), the investment manager of RCG Halifax. Each of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Solomon and Strauss, Ramius and C4S may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares held by RCG Halifax. Each of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Solomon and Strauss, Ramius and C4S disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.
 - Consists of shares of Common Stock held by Starboard Value and Opportunity Master Fund Ltd. (Starboard). Each of Messrs. Peter A. Cohen, Morgan B. Stark, Jeffrey M. Solomon and Thomas W. Strauss is an authorized signatory for Admiral Advisors, LLC (Admiral),
- the investment manager for Starboard, and is also a managing member of C4S & Co, L.L.C. (C4S), the managing member of Ramius Capital Group, LLC (Ramius). Each of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Solomon and Strauss, Ramius, C4S and Admiral may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares held by Starboard. Each of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Solomon and Strauss, Ramius, C4S and Admiral disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.
- (6) Starboard Value and Opportunity Master Fund Ltd.

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