

DARCY COLM  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
DARCY COLM

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SKILLSOFT PUBLIC LIMITED CO  
[SKIL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
SKILLSOFT, 107  
NORTHEASTERN BLVD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
04/17/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
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4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|   |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |   |
| American Depositary Shares <sup>(1)</sup> | 04/17/2008                           |  | M                              |   | 30,000 A \$ 3.3   | 30,000   | D   |
| American Depositary Shares <sup>(1)</sup> | 04/17/2008                           |  | S <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 442 D \$ 9.83   | 29,558   | D   |
| American Depositary Shares <sup>(1)</sup> | 04/17/2008                           |  | S <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 100 D \$ 9.84   | 29,458   | D   |
| American                                  | 04/17/2008                           |  | S <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 100 D \$  | 29,358   | D   |

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|                                       |            |              |        |   |         |        |   |
|---------------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------|---|---------|--------|---|
| Depository Shares <u>(1)</u>          |            |              |        |   | 9.85    |        |   |
| American Depository Shares <u>(1)</u> | 04/17/2008 | S <u>(2)</u> | 22,090 | D | \$ 9.95 | 7,268  | D |
| American Depository Shares <u>(1)</u> | 04/17/2008 | S <u>(2)</u> | 1,510  | D | \$ 9.96 | 5,758  | D |
| American Depository Shares <u>(1)</u> | 04/17/2008 | S <u>(2)</u> | 200    | D | \$ 9.97 | 5,558  | D |
| American Depository Shares <u>(1)</u> | 04/17/2008 | S <u>(2)</u> | 4,658  | D | \$ 9.98 | 900    | D |
| American Depository Shares <u>(1)</u> | 04/17/2008 | S <u>(2)</u> | 500    | D | \$ 9.99 | 400    | D |
| American Depository Shares <u>(1)</u> | 04/17/2008 | S <u>(2)</u> | 400    | D | \$ 10   | 0      | D |
| American Depository Shares <u>(1)</u> | 04/18/2008 | M            | 20,000 | A | \$ 3.3  | 20,000 | D |
| American Depository Shares <u>(1)</u> | 04/18/2008 | S <u>(2)</u> | 17,800 | D | \$ 9.85 | 2,200  | D |
| American Depository Shares <u>(1)</u> | 04/18/2008 | S <u>(2)</u> | 900    | D | \$ 9.86 | 1,300  | D |
| American Depository Shares <u>(1)</u> | 04/18/2008 | S <u>(2)</u> | 900    | D | \$ 9.87 | 400    | D |
| American Depository Shares <u>(1)</u> | 04/18/2008 | S <u>(2)</u> | 100    | D | \$ 9.88 | 300    | D |
| American Depository Shares <u>(1)</u> | 04/18/2008 | S <u>(2)</u> | 200    | D | \$ 9.95 | 100    | D |
| American Depository Shares <u>(1)</u> | 04/18/2008 | S <u>(2)</u> | 100    | D | \$ 9.97 | 0      | D |
| American Depository Shares <u>(1)</u> | 04/21/2008 | M            | 83     | A | \$ 3.3  | 83     | D |

American  
 Depository Shares <sup>(1)</sup> 04/21/2008 S<sup>(2)</sup> 83 D \$ 9.95 0 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares <sup>(3)</sup> | \$ 3.3   | 04/17/2008                           |  | M                              | 30,000  | <sup>(4)</sup> 07/12/2012                                | Ordinary Shares <sup>(3)</sup>                                | 30,000                        |
| Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares <sup>(3)</sup> | \$ 3.3   | 04/18/2008                           |  | M                              | 20,000  | <sup>(4)</sup> 07/12/2012                                | Ordinary Shares <sup>(3)</sup>                                | 20,000                        |
| Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares <sup>(3)</sup> | \$ 3.3   | 04/21/2008                           |  | M                              | 83  | <sup>(4)</sup> 07/12/2012                                | Ordinary Shares <sup>(3)</sup>                                | 83                            |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                       | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| DARCY COLM<br>SKILLSOFT<br>107 NORTHEASTERN BLVD<br>NASHUA, NH 03062 |               |           | EVP Content Development |       |

## Signatures

/s/Greg Porto (for Colm  
Darcy)

04/21/2008

\_\_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) American Depositary Shares evidenced by American Depositary Receipts, each of which represents one Ordinary Share of SkillSoft Public Limited Company, nominal value 0.11 (Euro) per Ordinary Share.
- (2) Sale made pursuant to Mr. Darcy's Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan adopted April 2008.
- (3) Each issued and outstanding Ordinary Share of the issuer, or option to purchase an Ordinary Share of the issuer, is represented by one (1) ADS.
- (4) 25% of the shares subject to this option vested on July 17th, 2003, and an additional 1/48th of the shares subject to this option vested each month thereafter.

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