

MASCHMEIER STEPHANIE R
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FORM 4

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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 *
 MASCHMEIER STEPHANIE R

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY,
 SUITE 400

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/03/2009

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Controller

(Street)
 JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.96	02/03/2009		A		3,730		02/03/2012	02/02/2016	Common Stock	3,730
Phantom Stock	<u>(3)</u>							<u>(1)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	2,159.65

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MASCHMEIER STEPHANIE R 11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY, SUITE 400 JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097				Controller

Signatures

/s/ James A.
Darby

02/05/2009

__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 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.
- (3) The conversion rate of this derivative security on February 3, 2009 is 0.8536 resulting in 1,843.49 shares of common stock (underlying security in column 7).

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