

SKILLSOFT PUBLIC LIMITED CO  
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 \*  
GROSS STEWART K P

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/08/2009

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

375 PARK AVENUE, 11TH FLOOR

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NY 10152

(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 (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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 4.25	09/08/2009	D <sup>(2)</sup>		25,000		<u>(2)</u>	09/06/2012	Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	25,000
Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 4.25	09/08/2009	A <sup>(2)</sup>	25,000			<u>(2)</u>	09/06/2012	Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	25,000
Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 8.65	09/08/2009	D <sup>(3)</sup>		10,000		<u>(3)</u>	01/01/2014	Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	10,000
Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 8.65	09/08/2009	A <sup>(3)</sup>	10,000			<u>(3)</u>	01/01/2014	Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	10,000
Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 5.65	09/08/2009	D <sup>(4)</sup>		10,000		<u>(4)</u>	01/01/2015	Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	10,000
Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 5.65	09/08/2009	A <sup>(4)</sup>	10,000			<u>(4)</u>	01/01/2015	Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	10,000
Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 5.5	09/08/2009	D <sup>(5)</sup>		10,000		<u>(5)</u>	01/01/2016	Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	10,000
Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 5.5	09/08/2009	A <sup>(5)</sup>	10,000			<u>(5)</u>	01/01/2016	Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	10,000
Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 6.21	09/08/2009	D <sup>(6)</sup>		10,000		<u>(6)</u>	01/01/2017	Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	10,000
Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 6.21	09/08/2009	A <sup>(6)</sup>	10,000			<u>(6)</u>	01/01/2017	Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	10,000

Shares <sup>(1)</sup>									
Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 9.56	09/08/2009	D <sup>(7)</sup>	20,000	( <sup>7</sup> )	01/01/2018	Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	20,000	
Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 9.56	09/08/2009	A <sup>(7)</sup>	20,000	( <sup>7</sup> )	01/01/2018	Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	20,000	
Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 7.14	09/08/2009	D <sup>(8)</sup>	20,000	( <sup>8</sup> )	01/01/2019	Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	20,000	
Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 7.14	09/08/2009	A <sup>(8)</sup>	20,000	( <sup>8</sup> )	01/01/2019	Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	20,000	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GROSS STEWART K P 375 PARK AVENUE 11TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10152	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Greg Porto (for Stewart Gross) 09/09/2009

        \*\*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) 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.

(2) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, extending the post-termination exercise period of the option from three months to twelve months, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the old option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted September 6, 2002 and provides for vesting in four equal annual installments commencing September 6, 2003.

(3) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, extending the post-termination exercise period of the option from three months to twelve months, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the old option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted January 1, 2004 and provides for vesting in four equal annual installments commencing January 1, 2005.

(4) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, extending the post-termination exercise period of the option from three months to twelve months, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the old option and the grant of a replacement option.

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The option was originally granted January 1, 2005 and provides for vesting in four equal annual installments commencing January 1, 2006.

- (5) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, extending the post-termination exercise period of the option from three months to twelve months, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the old option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted January 1, 2006 and provides for full vesting on the first anniversary date of January 1, 2007.

- (6) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, extending the post-termination exercise period of the option from three months to twelve months, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the old option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted January 1, 2007 and provides for full vesting on the first anniversary date of January 1, 2008.

- (7) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, extending the post-termination exercise period of the option from three months to twelve months, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the old option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted January 1, 2008 and provides for full vesting on the first anniversary date of January 1, 2009.

- (8) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, extending the post-termination exercise period of the option from three months to twelve months, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the old option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted January 1, 2009 and provides for full vesting on the first anniversary date of January 1, 2010.

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