Robinson Mark H Form 4 March 11, 2011

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Robinson Mark H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

SAIA INC [SAIA]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

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

Director X_ Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

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11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY, 03/09/2011

(Street)

SUITE 400

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Vice President of IT

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097

(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. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D) 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)		
Common Stock	03/09/2011		A	3,081 (1)	A	\$ 15.49 (1)	10,421	D			
Common Stock	03/09/2011		F	1,130 (2)	D	\$ 15.49 (2)	9,291	D			

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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$\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			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	6,840
Phantom Stock	<u>(4)</u>					<u>(3)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	11,712.357
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 23					02/03/2008	02/02/2012	Common Stock	1,280
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.88					08/24/2008	08/24/2012	Common Stock	1,310
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.38					01/28/2009	01/27/2013	Common Stock	3,570
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.72					02/02/2010	02/01/2014	Common Stock	3,430
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.71					02/01/2011	01/31/2015	Common Stock	7,970
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.96					02/03/2012	02/02/2016	Common Stock	6,860

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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Vice President of IT

Signatures

/s/ Stephanie R.
Maschmeier
03/11/2011

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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) Issuance of Performance Unit Awards under the Amended and Restated 2003 Omnibus Incentive Plan for the 2008-2010 performance period.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Immediate
- (4) The conversion rate of this derivative security on March 9, 2011 is 0.8441 resulting in 9,886.19 shares of common stock (underlying security in column 7).
- (5) 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.

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