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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading DARBY JAMES A Issuer Symbol SAIA INC [SAIA] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title) 11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY, 04/30/2013 below) SUITE 400 VP of Finance & CFO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097 Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Tab				ble 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)		sed of	` '	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	05/01/2013		M	3,710	A	\$ 40.588	38,309	D		
	Common Stock	05/01/2013		S	3,710	D	\$ 40.588	34,599	D		
	Common Stock	05/01/2013		S	9,000	D	\$ 40.2086	25,599	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 stionDerivative Securities 3) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou Numb Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.92	04/30/2013		A	11,060		04/30/2016	04/29/2020	Common Stock	11
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.72	05/01/2013		M		3,710	02/02/2010	02/01/2014	Common Stock	3,
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.1						02/02/2013	02/01/2017	Common Stock	7,
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.71						02/01/2011	01/31/2015	Common Stock	8,
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.96						02/03/2012	02/02/2016	Common Stock	7,
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.39						05/02/2014	05/01/2018	Common Stock	6,
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.5						02/02/2015	02/02/2019	Common Stock	11
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>						(2)	(3)	Common Stock	27,3

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DARBY JAMES A VP of 11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY, SUITE 400 Finance & JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097 CFO

Signatures

/s/ Stephanie R.
Maschmeier 05/02/2013

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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- * 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) Conversion rate of this derivative security on April 30, 2013 is 0.8234 resulting in 22,489.19 shares of common stock (underlying security in column 7).
- (2) Immediate
- (3) 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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