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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person **
Balius Brian A

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last) (First)

SAIA INC [SAIA]

(Check all applicable)

11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY, SUITE 400 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year) 02/09/2016

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

02/09/2016

VP-Transportation and Engineer

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Middle)

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Person

JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/09/2016		Code V A	Amount 3,780 (1)		Price \$ 0	(Instr. 3 and 4) 35,658	D	
Common Stock	02/09/2016		F	1,327 (2)	D	\$ 27.45	34,331	D	
Common Stock	02/09/2016		F	1,130 (3)	D	\$ 27.45	33,201	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. Transac Code (Instr. 8		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	(A) ed of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.45	02/09/2016		A		12,210		02/08/2019	02/08/2023	Common Stock	12,210
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11							02/02/2015	02/02/2019	Common Stock	10,065
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.28							04/30/2016	04/29/2020	Common Stock	9,510
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.5							02/04/2017	02/03/2021	Common Stock	6,570
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 43.01							02/03/2018	02/03/2022	Common Stock	6,750
Phantom Stock	<u>(4)</u>							<u>(5)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	9,389.34

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				

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/s/ Stephanie R. 02/11/2016 Maschmeier

**Signature of Reporting 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) Issuance of Performance Unit Awards under the 2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan for the 1/31/13-2/1/16 performance period.
- (2) Shares withheld at officer's election to cover tax liabilities incurred upon the issuance of Performance Unit Awards under the 2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan for the 1/31/13-2/1/16 performance period.
- (3) Shares withheld at officer's election to cover tax liabilities incurred in connection with the vesting of restricted shares awarded in February 2012.
- (4) Conversion rate of this derivative security on February 9, 2016 is 1.2372 resulting in 11,616.42 shares of common stock (underlying security in column 7).
- (5) Immediate
- (6) The shares of phantom stock become payable in the Company's common stock upon reporting person's termination of service as an employee, in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

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