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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

ALBANESE ANTHONY D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4435 MAIN STREET, SUITE

930

(Street)

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

(Month/Day/Year)

07/20/2006

Statement

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

SAIA INC [SAIA]

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

Sr. VP Operations & Sales

Director _X__ Officer

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

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

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

KANSAS CITY, MOÂ 64111

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

Form: Direct (D) Ownership (Instr. 5)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative

4.

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable Expiration Date

Title

Amount or Number of Shares

Security Direct (D) or Indirect

(I)

						(Instr. 5)	
Phantom Stock	(2)	(3)	Common Stock	30,945.621	\$ <u>(1)</u>	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to buy)	02/03/2008	02/02/2012	Common Stock	3,390	\$ 23	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to buy)	01/28/2009	01/27/2013	Common Stock	5,500	\$ 27.38	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
Treporting & When I wante / Trade Con	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
ALBANESE ANTHONY D 4435 MAIN STREET, SUITE 930 KANSAS CITY, MO 64111	Â	Â	Sr. VP Operations & Sales	Â	

Signatures

James J.

Bellinghausen

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) The conversion rate of this derivative security on July 20, 2006 is 0.7971 resulting in 24,666 shares of common stock (underlying security in column 7).
- (3) The shares of phantom stock become payable, in cash, upon reporting person's termination of service as an employee.
- (2) Immediate

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