

SKILLSOFT PUBLIC LIMITED CO  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 NINE JERALD A JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 SKILLSOFT PUBLIC LIMITED CO  
 [SKIL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chief Operating Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 SKILLSOFT, 107  
 NORTHEASTERN BLVD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/20/2008

NASHUA, NH 03062  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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**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 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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
American Depositary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	05/20/2008		M	40,000	A \$ 4.06	90,321	D
American Depositary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	05/20/2008		S <sup>(2)</sup>	100	D \$ 10.31	90,221	D
American Depositary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	05/20/2008		S <sup>(2)</sup>	600	D \$ 10.33	89,621	D
American Depositary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	05/20/2008		S <sup>(2)</sup>	900	D \$	88,721	D

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Depository Shares <u>(1)</u>						10.34		
American Depository Shares <u>(1)</u>	05/20/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	1,494	D	\$	10.35	87,227	D
American Depository Shares <u>(1)</u>	05/20/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	456	D	\$	10.36	86,771	D
American Depository Shares <u>(1)</u>	05/20/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	3,400	D	\$	10.37	83,371	D
American Depository Shares <u>(1)</u>	05/20/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	2,831	D	\$	10.38	80,540	D
American Depository Shares <u>(1)</u>	05/20/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	4,200	D	\$	10.39	76,340	D
American Depository Shares <u>(1)</u>	05/20/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	8,819	D	\$	10.4	67,521	D
American Depository Shares <u>(1)</u>	05/20/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	5,600	D	\$	10.41	61,921	D
American Depository Shares <u>(1)</u>	05/20/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	1,800	D	\$	10.42	60,121	D
American Depository Shares <u>(1)</u>	05/20/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	1,100	D	\$	10.43	59,021	D
American Depository Shares <u>(1)</u>	05/20/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	3,300	D	\$	10.44	55,721	D
American Depository Shares <u>(1)</u>	05/20/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	700	D	\$	10.45	55,021	D
American Depository Shares <u>(1)</u>	05/20/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	500	D	\$	10.46	54,521	D
American Depository Shares <u>(1)</u>	05/20/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	100	D	\$	10.48	54,421	D
American Depository Shares <u>(1)</u>	05/20/2008	<u>S(2)</u>	200	D	\$	10.49	54,221	D

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American Depository Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	05/20/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	1,700	D	\$ 10.5	52,521	D
American Depository Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	05/20/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	600	D	\$ 10.51	51,921	D
American Depository Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	05/20/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	450	D	\$ 10.52	51,471	D
American Depository Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	05/20/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	650	D	\$ 10.53	50,821	D
American Depository Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	05/20/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	200	D	\$ 10.54	50,621	D
American Depository Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	05/20/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	300	D	\$ 10.55	50,321	D
American Depository Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	05/21/2008	M	20,000	A	\$ 4.06	70,321	D
American Depository Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	05/21/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	1,500	D	\$ 10.3	68,821	D
American Depository Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	05/21/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	600	D	\$ 10.31	68,221	D
American Depository Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	05/21/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	1,100	D	\$ 10.32	67,121	D
American Depository Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	05/21/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	700	D	\$ 10.33	66,421	D
American Depository Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	05/21/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	300	D	\$ 10.34	66,121	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)

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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 Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 4.06	05/20/2008		M	40,000	<sup>(4)</sup> 08/16/2012	Ordinary Shares <sup>(3)</sup>	40,000
Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 4.06	05/21/2008		M	20,000	<sup>(4)</sup> 08/16/2012	Ordinary Shares <sup>(3)</sup>	20,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NINE JERALD A JR SKILLSOFT 107 NORTHEASTERN BLVD NASHUA, NH 03062			Chief Operating Officer	

## Signatures

/s/Greg Porto (for Jerald Nine) 05/22/2008

\_\_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) American Depositary Shares evidenced by American Depositary Receipts, each of which represents one Ordinary Share of SkillSoft Public Limited Company, nominal value 0.11 (Euro) per Ordinary Share.
- (2) Sale made pursuant to Mr. Nine's Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan adopted in April 2008.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 100% of the shares subject to this option were fully vested at 8/16/2006.

### Remarks:

This Form 4 is the first of two Forms 4 filed by the Reporting Person related to transactions beginning on May 20, 2008. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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