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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading ODELL RICHARD D Issuer Symbol SAIA INC [SAIA] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner _ Other (specify Officer (give title 11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY, 12/07/2016 below) SUITE 400 President & CEO of Saia (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

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. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (` ′	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	12/07/2016		M	16,680	A	\$ 27.28	46,211.5	D		
Common Stock	12/07/2016		S	16,680	D	\$ 46.817	29,531.5	D		
Common Stock	12/08/2016		M	29,205	A	\$ 27.28	58,736.5	D		
Common Stock	12/08/2016		S	29,205	D	\$ 46.808	29,531.5	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. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	tionE S) A o (5. Number of on 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)	
				Code V	V ((A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.28	12/07/2016		M			16,680	04/30/2016	04/29/2020	Common Stock	16,68
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.28	12/08/2016		M			29,205	04/30/2016	04/29/2020	Common Stock	29,20:
Phantom Stock	(1)							(2)	(3)	Common Stock	48,139.8
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.5							02/04/2017	02/03/2021	Common Stock	39,60
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 43.01							02/03/2018	02/03/2022	Common Stock	41,950
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.45							02/08/2019	02/08/2023	Common Stock	73,74

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

President & CEO of Saia

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ODELL RICHARD D 11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY, SUITE 400 JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097

Signatures

/s/ Stephanie R.
Maschmeier
12/09/2016

**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) The conversion rate of this derivative security on December 7, 2016 is 1.2036 resulting in 57,940.07 shares of common stock (underlying security in column 7).
- (2) Immediate
- (3) 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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