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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(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 French Linda J Issuer Symbol SAIA INC [SAIA] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY, 04/30/2009 below) SUITE 400 (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 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of TransactionAcquired (A) or (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Form: Direct Indirect

1.Title of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 3,929 D Stock

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,	e Expiration I	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
Phantom Stock	\$ 1	04/30/2009		Code V	(A) (D	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title Common Stock	Amount or Number of Shares 3,189	\$ 12

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
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French Linda J 11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY, SUITE 400 JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097	X					

Signatures

/s/ James A.
Darby

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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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 shares of phantom stock become payable in the Company's common stock upon the reporting person's termination of service as a Director.

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