ODELL RICHARD D

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ODELL RICHARD D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

SAIA INC [SAIA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

(Month/Day/Year) 11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY, 02/02/2012

(Middle)

_X__ Officer (give title _ Other (specify below) President & CEO of Saia

SUITE 400

(Street)

(First)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative	Securi	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficiall	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acqu Transaction(A) or Disposed o Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)		of (D)	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)	
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/02/2012		A	10,516 (5)	A	\$ 16.5	67,367	D	
Common Stock	02/02/2012		F	3,560 (6)	D	\$ 16.5	63,807	D	
Common Stock	02/02/2012		F	2,759 (7)	D	\$ 16.5	61,048	D	
Common Stock	02/02/2012		A	30,303 (9)	A	\$ 16.5	91,351	D	
Common Stock	02/03/2012		S	300 (8)	D	\$ 16.59	91,051	D	

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Common $700 \frac{(8)}{16.58}$ D $\frac{\$}{16.58}$ 90,351 S 02/03/2012 D Stock

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

I S	. Title of Derivative Security Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab 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	Amoun Number Shares
(Stock Options Right to Buy)	\$ 16.5	02/02/2012		A	35,300	02/02/2015	02/02/2019	Common Stock	35,3
(Stock Options Right to Buy)	\$ 12.1					02/02/2013	02/01/2017	Common Stock	22,3
	Phantom Stock	\$ 0					(3)	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	41,56 (2)
(Stock Options Right to Buy)	\$ 27.38					01/28/2009	01/27/2013	Common Stock	9,50
(Stock Options Right to Buy)	\$ 26.72					02/02/2010	02/01/2014	Common Stock	11,7
(Stock Options Right to Buy)	\$ 26.72					02/02/2010(1)	02/01/2017	Common Stock	19,9
(Stock Options Right to	\$ 14.71					02/01/2011	01/31/2015	Common Stock	26,0

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Buy)					
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.96	02/03/2012	02/02/2016	Common Stock	22,4
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.39	05/02/2014	05/01/2018	Common Stock	19,7

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer

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

President & CEO of Saia

Other

Signatures

/s/ Stephanie R. 02/03/2012 Maschmeier

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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) The options vest one-third in year three, one-third in year four and one-third in year five.
- (2) Conversion rate of this derivative security on February 2, 2012 is 0.8512 resulting in 35,379.79 shares of common stock (underlying security in column 7).
- (3) Immediate
- (4) The shares of phantom stock become payable, in stock, upon reporting person's termination of service as an employee
- (5) Issuance of Performance Unit Awards under the Amended and Restated 2003 Omnibus Incentive Plan for the 2009-2011 performance period.
- (6) Shares withheld at officer's election to cover tax liabilities incurred upon the issuance of Performance Unit Awards under the Amended and Restated 2003 Omnibus Incentive Plan for the 2009-2011 performance period.
- (7) Shares withheld at officer's election to cover tax liabilities incurred in connection with the vesting of restricted shares awarded in February 2008.
- (8) Shares sold at officer's election to fund additional tax liabilities incurred in connection with the vesting of restricted shares awarded in February 2008.
- (9) Restricted shares granted as part of the long-term incentive program approved by the Compensation Committee to address retention. The restricted stock award vests 25% in year three, 25% in year four and 50% in year five.

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