

DARBY JAMES A  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
DARBY JAMES A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SAIA INC [SAIA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY,  
SUITE 400

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/27/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

VP of Finance & CFO

(Street)  
DULUTH, GA 30097

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

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

(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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
				Code	V				
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>	10/27/2006	I	5,683.618		<u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	5,683
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 4.209					07/20/2002	07/20/2010	Common Stock	13,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 4.363					10/25/2002	10/25/2010	Common Stock	18,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 23					02/03/2008	02/02/2012	Common Stock	1,300
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 27.38					01/28/2009	01/27/2013	Common Stock	2,100

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DARBY JAMES A 11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY, SUITE 400 DULUTH, GA 30097			VP of Finance & CFO	

## Signatures

James A Darby                      10/30/2006  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting 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 conversion rate of this derivative security on October 27, 2006 is 0.7467 resulting in 16,462.624 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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