

ODELL RICHARD D  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
ODELL RICHARD D

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

JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/05/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

President & CEO of Saia

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	90,351	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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 <sup>(4)</sup>	03/05/2012		I		716.622		<u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	716.
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.1							02/02/2013	02/01/2017	Common Stock	22,3
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.363							10/25/2002	10/25/2010	Common Stock	0
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.123							12/15/2002	12/15/2009	Common Stock	0
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.62							04/21/2003	04/21/2009	Common Stock	0
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 23							02/03/2008	02/02/2012	Common Stock	5,8
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.38							01/28/2009	01/27/2013	Common Stock	9,5
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 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/01/2017	Common Stock	19,9
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.71							02/01/2011	01/31/2015	Common Stock	26,0

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

Stock

Options  
(Right to  
Buy)

\$ 16.5

02/02/2015

02/02/2019

Common  
Stock

35,3

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

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

President & CEO of Saia

## Signatures

/s/ Stephanie R.  
Maschmeier

03/07/2012

\*\*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) The options vest one-third in year three, one-third in year four and one-third in year five.
- (2) Immediate
- (3) The shares of phantom stock become payable, in stock, upon reporting person's termination of service as an employee
- (4) Conversion rate of this derivative security on March 5, 2012 is 0.8470 resulting in 35,812.87 shares of common stock (underlying security in column 7).

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