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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 \*  
RAMIUS CAPITAL GROUP LLC

(Last) (First) (Middle)

666 THIRD AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR,

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10017

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/18/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	08/18/2006		S	6,017 D \$ 31.4481	308,004	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Parche, LLC
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	08/18/2006		S	5,251 D \$ 31.5448	302,753	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Parche, LLC
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	08/18/2006		S	192 D \$ 31.7864	302,561	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Parche, LLC

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Common Stock, \$.001 par value	08/18/2006	S	437	D	\$ 31.6216	302,124	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Parche, LLC
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	08/18/2006	S	9,248	D	\$ 31.4481	477,896	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By Ramius Master Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	08/18/2006	S	8,071	D	\$ 31.5448	469,825	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By Ramius Master Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	08/18/2006	S	297	D	\$ 31.7864	469,528	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By Ramius Master Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	08/18/2006	S	673	D	\$ 31.6216	468,855	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By Ramius Master Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	08/18/2006	S	2,073	D	\$ 31.4481	107,126	I <sup>(3)</sup>	By RCG Ambrose Master Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	08/18/2006	S	1,809	D	\$ 31.5448	105,317	I <sup>(3)</sup>	By RCG Ambrose Master Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	08/18/2006	S	66	D	\$ 31.7864	105,251	I <sup>(3)</sup>	By RCG Ambrose Master Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	08/18/2006	S	151	D	\$ 31.6216	105,100	I <sup>(3)</sup>	By RCG Ambrose Master Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	08/18/2006	S	1,909	D	\$ 31.4481	98,633	I <sup>(4)</sup>	By RCG Halifax Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	08/18/2006	S	1,666	D	\$ 31.5448	96,967	I <sup>(4)</sup>	By RCG Halifax Fund, Ltd.
	08/18/2006	S	61	D		96,906	I <sup>(4)</sup>	

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Common Stock, \$.001 par value					\$ 31.7864				By RCG Halifax Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	08/18/2006	S	139	D	\$ 31.6216	96,767	I <sup>(4)</sup>		By RCG Halifax Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	08/18/2006	S	15,129	D	\$ 31.4481	766,361	I <sup>(5)</sup>		By Starboard Value <sup>(6)</sup>
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	08/18/2006	S	13,203	D	\$ 31.5448	753,158	I <sup>(5)</sup>		By Starboard Value <sup>(6)</sup>
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	08/18/2006	S	484	D	\$ 31.7864	752,674	I <sup>(5)</sup>		By Starboard Value <sup>(6)</sup>
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	08/18/2006	S	1,100	D	\$ 31.6216	751,574	I <sup>(5)</sup>		By Starboard Value <sup>(6)</sup>

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. 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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RAMIUS CAPITAL GROUP LLC 666 THIRD AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017		X		
Starboard Value & Opportunity Fund, LLC 666 THIRD AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017		X		
Parche, LLC 666 THIRD AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017		X		
Admiral Advisors, LLC 666 THIRD AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017		X		
C4S & CO LLC 666 THIRD AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 19917		X		
COHEN PETER A C/O RAMIUS CAPITAL GROUP, LLC 666 THIRD AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017		X		
SOLOMON JEFFREY M C/O RAMIUS CAPITAL GROUP, LLC 666 THIRD AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017		X		
STARK MORGAN B C/O RAMIUS CAPITAL GROUP, LLC 666 THIRD AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017		X		
STRAUSS THOMAS W C/O RAMIUS CAPITAL GROUP, LLC 666 THIRD AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017		X		
RCG Ambrose Master Fund, Ltd. 666 THIRD AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Cohen, Peter  
A. 08/18/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting  
Person Date

/s/ Solomon,  
Jeffrey M. 08/18/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

/s/ Stark, Morgan  
B. 08/18/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

/s/ Strauss,  
Thomas W. 08/18/2006

\_\_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) Consists of shares of Common Stock held by Parche, LLC (Parche). Each of Messrs. Peter A. Cohen, Morgan B. Stark, Jeffrey M. Solomon and Thomas W. Strauss is an authorized signatory for Admiral Advisors, LLC (Admiral), the managing member of Parche, and is also a managing member of C4S & Co, L.L.C. (C4S), the managing member of Ramius Capital Group, LLC (Ramius). Each of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Solomon and Strauss, Ramius, C4S and Admiral may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares held by Parche. Each of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Solomon and Strauss, Ramius, C4S and Admiral disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.

(2) Consists of shares of Common Stock held by Ramius Master Fund, Ltd. (Ramius Master). Each of Messrs. Peter A. Cohen, Morgan B. Stark, Jeffrey M. Solomon and Thomas W. Strauss is a managing member of C4S & Co, L.L.C. (C4S), the managing member of Ramius Capital Group, LLC (Ramius), the managing member of Ramius Advisors, LLC (Ramius Advisors), the investment manager of Ramius Master. Each of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Solomon and Strauss, Ramius, Ramius Advisors and C4S may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares held by Ramius Master. Each of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Solomon and Strauss, Ramius, Ramius Advisors and C4S disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.

(3) Consists of shares of Common Stock held by RCG Ambrose Master Fund, Ltd. (RCG Ambrose). Each of Messrs. Peter A. Cohen, Morgan B. Stark, Jeffrey M. Solomon and Thomas W. Strauss is a managing member of C4S & Co, L.L.C. (C4S), the managing member of Ramius Capital Group, LLC (Ramius), the investment manager of RCG Ambrose. Each of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Solomon and Strauss, Ramius and C4S may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares held by RCG Ambrose. Each of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Solomon and Strauss, Ramius and C4S disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.

(4) Consists of shares of Common Stock held by RCG Halifax Fund, Ltd. (RCG Halifax). Each of Messrs. Peter A. Cohen, Morgan B. Stark, Jeffrey M. Solomon and Thomas W. Strauss is a managing member of C4S & Co, L.L.C. (C4S), the managing member of Ramius Capital Group, LLC (Ramius), the investment manager of RCG Halifax. Each of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Solomon and Strauss, Ramius and C4S may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares held by RCG Halifax. Each of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Solomon and Strauss, Ramius and C4S disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.

(5) Consists of shares of Common Stock held by Starboard Value and Opportunity Master Fund Ltd. (Starboard). Each of Messrs. Peter A. Cohen, Morgan B. Stark, Jeffrey M. Solomon and Thomas W. Strauss is an authorized signatory for Admiral Advisors, LLC (Admiral), the investment manager for Starboard, and is also a managing member of C4S & Co, L.L.C. (C4S), the managing member of Ramius Capital Group, LLC (Ramius). Each of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Solomon and Strauss, Ramius, C4S and Admiral may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares held by Starboard. Each of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Solomon and Strauss, Ramius, C4S and Admiral disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.

(6) Starboard Value and Opportunity Master Fund Ltd.

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