

MASCHMEIER STEPHANIE

Form 4

September 16, 2011

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MASCHMEIER STEPHANIE

(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)
09/14/2011

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)

Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
			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 of Underlying Securities (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)						
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Phantom Stock	<u>(2)</u>	09/14/2011	I		636.665		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	636.66
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.1						02/02/2013	02/01/2017	Common Stock	3,720
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.96						02/03/2012	02/02/2016	Common Stock	3,730
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.39						05/02/2014	05/01/2018	Common Stock	3,290

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MASCHMEIER STEPHANIE 11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY, SUITE 400 JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097				Controller

Signatures

/s/ Stephanie R.
Maschmeier

09/16/2011

__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) Immediate
- (2) The conversion rate of this derivative security on September 14, 2011 is 0.857 resulting in 3,841.71 shares of common stock (underlying security in column 7).
- (3) The shares of phantom stock become payable, in stock, upon reporting person's termination of service as an employee, in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

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