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	INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES	Expires:	January 31, 2005
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Balius Brian A		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement(Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SAIA INC [SAIA]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	04/26/2012 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
11465 JOHI	NS CREEK						× • /
PARKWAY	, SUITE	400		(Check	heck all applicable)		
JOHNS CR	(Street) EEK, GA	30097				ow)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - I	Non-Derivat	tive Securiti	es Bei	neficially Owned
1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4)	rity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	
Common St	ock		11,793		D	Â	
Reminder: Rep owned directly		ate line for ea	ch class of securities benefic	ially S	SEC 1473 (7-02)	
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
		TT: (1	Derivative	Security:	
		Title	Security	Direct (D)	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Phantom Stock	(2)	(<u>3)</u>	Common Stock	8,821.318	\$ <u>(1)</u>	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	01/28/2009	01/27/2013	Common Stock	1,790	\$ 27.38	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/02/2010	02/01/2014	Common Stock	2,220	\$ 26.72	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/01/2011	01/31/2015	Common Stock	4,910	\$ 14.71	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/03/2012	02/02/2016	Common Stock	4,650	\$ 11.96	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/02/2013	02/01/2017	Common Stock	4,640	\$ 12.1	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	05/02/2014	05/01/2018	Common Stock	4,100	\$ 16.39	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/02/2015	02/02/2019	Common Stock	6,710	\$ 16.5	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Balius Brian A 11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY SUITE 400 JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097	Â	Â	VP-Linehaul & Ind Engineering	Â			
Signatures							
/s/ Stephanie R. 05/07 Maschmeier	//2012						

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

Date

- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Conversion rate of this derivative security on May 2, 2012 is 0.8472 resulting in 7,473.71 shares of common stock (underlying security in column 7).
- (2) Immediate

**Signature of Reporting Person

(3) The shares of phantom stock become payable, in stock, upon reporting person's termination of service as an employee

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