#### SKILLSOFT PUBLIC LIMITED CO

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#### FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION **OMB** 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading MORAN CHARLES E Issuer Symbol SKILLSOFT PUBLIC LIMITED CO (Check all applicable) [SKIL] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction \_X\_ Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) SKILLSOFT, 107 04/23/2008 President and CEO NORTHEASTERN BLVD (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting NASHUA, NH 03062

(City)	(State) (Z	Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	Securit	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y 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. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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)
American Depositary Shares (1)	04/23/2008		M	3,800	A	\$ 4.06	3,800	D	
American Depositary Shares (1)	04/23/2008		S(2)	3,800	D	\$ 10.05	0	D	
American Depositary Shares (1)							249,853	I	See Footnote (3)
American							209,358	I	See

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Depositary Shares (1)			Footnote (4)
American Depositary Shares (1)	209,358	I	See Footnote (5)
American Depositary Shares (1)	209,358	I	See Footnote (6)
American Depositary Shares (1)	209,358	I	See Footnote (7)
American Depositary Shares (1)	11	I	See Footnote (8)
American Depositary Shares (1)	2,367	I	See Footnote

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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 $\label{thm:convertible} \textbf{Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned} \\ \textit{(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)}$ 

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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 or Number of Shares	
Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares	\$ 4.06	04/23/2008		M	3,800	<u>(11)</u>	08/16/2012	Ordinary Shares (10)	3,800	

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### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MORAN CHARLES E SKILLSOFT 107 NORTHEASTERN BLVD

X President and CEO

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## **Signatures**

/s/Greg Porto (for Charles Moran)

04/24/2008

\*\*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) American Depositary Shares evidenced by American Depositary Receipts, each of which represents one Ordinary Share of SkillSoft Public Limited Company, nominal value 0.11 (Euro) per Ordinary Share.
- (2) Sale made pursuant to Mr. Moran's Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan adopted in April 2008.
- (3) Held by the Susan M. Moran Revocable Trust, of which the Reporting Person's spouse is trustee. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities to the extent to which such person does not have an actual pecuniary interest in these securities.
- Held by the Moran Children's Trust DTD 3-4-98 FBO Michael Moran, of which the Reporting Person's spouse is trustee. The Reporting (4) Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities to the extent to which such person does not have an actual pecuniary interest in these securities.
- Held by the Moran Children's Trust DTD 3-4-98 FBO Katie Moran, of which the Reporting Person's spouse is trustee. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities to the extent to which such person does not have an actual pecuniary interest in these securities.
- Held by the Moran Children's Trust DTD 3-4-98 FBO Kelly Moran, of which the Reporting Person's spouse is trustee. The Reporting

  (6) Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities to the extent to which such person does not have an actual pecuniary interest in these securities.
- Held by the Moran Children's Trust DTD 3-4-98 FBO Kristin Moran, of which the Reporting Person's spouse is trustee. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities to the extent to which such person does not have an actual pecuniary interest in
- (7) Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities to the extent to which such person does not have an actual pecuniary interest in these securities.
- (8) Held by Susan M. Moran, the Reporting Person's spouse. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities to the extent to which such person does not have an actual pecuniary interest in these securities.
- (9) Held by the family trust, of which the Reporting Person is trustee. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities to the extent to which such person does not have an actual pecuniary interest in these securities.
- (10) Each issued and outstanding Ordinary Share of the issuer, or option to purchase an ordinary share of the issuer, is represented by one (1) ADS.
- (11) 100% of the shares subject to this option fully vested at 8/16/2006.

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