

ODELL RICHARD D  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
08/05/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

President & CEO of Saia

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	08/05/2009		M		6,000	A	\$ 4.123
Common Stock	08/05/2009		S		6,000	D	\$ 18.2783
Common Stock	08/05/2009		M		29,625	A	\$ 4.123
Common Stock	08/05/2009		F		13,850	D	\$ 18.475
					52,000		
					46,000		
					75,625		
					61,775		

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.123	08/05/2009		M	6,000	12/15/2002	12/15/2009	Common Stock	6,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.123	08/05/2009		M	29,625	12/15/2002	12/15/2009	Common Stock	29,625
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					(2)	(3)	Common Stock	41,560
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.363					10/25/2002	10/25/2010	Common Stock	30,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 23					02/03/2008	02/02/2012	Common Stock	5,800
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.38					01/28/2009	01/27/2013	Common Stock	9,500
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.72					02/02/2010	02/01/2014	Common Stock	11,700
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.72					02/02/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/01/2017	Common Stock	19,900

Buy)

Stock

Options  
(Right to  
Buy)

\$ 14.71

02/01/2011 01/31/2015

Common  
Stock

26,0

Stock

Options  
(Right to  
Buy)

\$ 11.96

02/03/2012 02/02/2016

Common  
Stock

22,4

## 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/ James A.  
Darby

08/07/2009

\*\*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

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