SAIA INC Form 4 August 16, 2006

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BELLINGHAUSEN JAMES J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			SAIA INC [SAIA]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	•		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
4435 MAIN STREET, SUITE 930			08/14/2006	X Officer (give title Other (specif below) VP of Finance and CFO		
(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		
KANSAS CITY, MO 64111				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tak	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acquii	red, 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit bor Dispos (Instr. 3,	ed of		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)
Common Stock	08/14/2006		M	10,000	A	\$ 4.209	20,110	D	
Common Stock	08/14/2006		S	10,000	D	\$ 28.1472	10,110	D	
Common Stock	08/15/2006		M	15,826	A	\$ 4.209	25,936	D	
Common Stock	08/15/2006		S	15,826	D	\$ 30.0346	10,110	D	

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

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

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	orDeriv Secu Acqu or Di (D)	rities uired (A) isposed of r. 3, 4,	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 of Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	\$ 0						<u>(1)</u>	(2)	Common Stock	3,823.62
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 23						02/03/2008	02/02/2012	Common Stock	2,450
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 27.38						01/28/2009	01/27/2013	Common Stock	3,990
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 4.209	08/14/2006		M		10,000	07/20/2002	07/20/2010	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 4.209	08/15/2006		M		15,826	07/20/2002	07/20/2010	Common Stock	15,826

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
BELLINGHAUSEN JAMES J 4435 MAIN STREET, SUITE 930			VP of Finance and CFO					
KANSAS CITY, MO 64111								

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Signatures

James J

Bellinghausen 08/16/2006

**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).
- (3) Conversion rate of this derivative security on August 14, 2006 is 0.7957 resulting in 3,043 shares of common stock (underlying security in column 7).
- (2) The shares of phantom stock become payable, in cash, upon reporting person's termination of service as an employee.
- (1) Immediate

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