

Balius Brian A
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Balius Brian A

(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)
 03/14/2013

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)
 VP-Linehaul & Ind Engineering

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock					15,542	D	

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)

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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
Phantom Stock	(1)	03/14/2013		I	568.027	(2)	(3)	Common Stock	568.02
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.38					01/28/2009	01/27/2013	Common Stock	1,790
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.72					02/02/2010	02/01/2014	Common Stock	2,220
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.71					02/01/2011	01/31/2015	Common Stock	4,910
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.96					02/03/2012	02/02/2016	Common Stock	4,650
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.1					02/02/2013	02/01/2017	Common Stock	4,640
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.39					05/02/2014	05/01/2018	Common Stock	4,100
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.5					02/02/2015	02/02/2019	Common Stock	6,710

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
				VP-Linehaul & Ind Engineering

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Signatures

/s/ Stephanie R.
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03/18/2013

__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) Conversion rate of this derivative security on March 14, 2013 is 0.8264 resulting in 7,759.49 shares of common stock (underlying security in column 7).

(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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