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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 ROCKEL DOUGLAS WAYNE Issuer Symbol SAIA INC [SAIA] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title 11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY, 12/14/2012 below) SUITE 400 4. If Amendment, Date Original (Street) 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

JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-l	Derivative	e Secu	rities Acqui	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)		sed of 4 and (A) or	` '	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	12/14/2012		M	7,500	A	\$ 12.05	9,575	D	
Common Stock	12/14/2012		S	7,500	D	\$ 22.0443	2,075	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)

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)	5. Number iomf 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
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.05	12/14/2012		M		7,500	10/23/2003	04/23/2013	Common Stock	7,500
Phantom Stock	\$ 1						<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	26,214
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.25						10/22/2004	04/22/2014	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
reporting of the Finance Finance	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
ROCKEL DOUGLAS WAYNE 11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY, SUITE 400 JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097	X					

Signatures

/s/ Stephanie R. 12/17/2012 Maschmeier

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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 shares of phantom stock become payable in the Company's common stock upon the reporting person's termination of service as a Director.

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