

SAIA INC  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â DARBY JAMES A		(Month/Day/Year)	SAIA INC [SAIA]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	09/01/2006	
11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY, SUITE 400			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
DULUTH, GA 30097			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			VP of Finance & CFO	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

(Instr. 5)

	Â (2)	Â (3)			\$ (1)	D	Â
Phantom Stock			Common Stock	16,362.663			
Stock Options (Right to buy)	07/20/2002	07/20/2010	Common Stock	13,644	\$ 4.209	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to buy)	10/25/2002	10/25/2010	Common Stock	18,192	\$ 4.363	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to buy)	02/03/2008	02/02/2012	Common Stock	1,300	\$ 23	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to buy)	01/28/2009	01/27/2013	Common Stock	2,170	\$ 27.38	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DARBY JAMES A 11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY, SUITE 400 DULUTH, GA 30097	Â	Â	Â VP of Finance & CFO	Â

## Signatures

Richard D.  
O'Dell

09/06/2006

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) The shares of phantom stock become payable, in cash, upon reporting person's termination of service as an employee.
- (1) The conversion rate of this derivative security on September 1, 2006 is 0.7935 resulting in 12,984.026 shares of common stock (underlying security in column 7).
- (2) Immediate

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