

TOWNSEND MARK  
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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 \*  
TOWNSEND MARK

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SKILLSOFT PUBLIC LIMITED CO  
[SKIL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
110 SPITBROOK  
ROAD, BUILDING ZK02, 2ND  
FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/02/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP Technology

(Street)  
NASHUA, NH 03062

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
American Depository Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	05/02/2008		M		98,717	A	\$ 4.06 547,483 D
American Depository Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	05/02/2008		S <sup>(2)</sup>		6,900	D	\$ 10.41 540,583 D
American Depository Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	05/02/2008		S <sup>(2)</sup>		14,900	D	\$ 10.42 525,683 D

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American Depositary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	05/02/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	31,250	D	\$ 10.5	494,433	D	
American Depositary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	05/02/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	31,250	D	\$ 10.7	463,183	D	
American Depositary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	05/02/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	14,117	D	\$ 10.75	449,066	D	
American Depositary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	05/02/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	300	D	\$ 10.76	448,766	D	
American Depositary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	05/05/2008	M	16,833	A	\$ 4.06	465,599	D	
American Depositary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	05/05/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	16,833	D	\$ 10.75	448,766	D	
American Depositary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>						58,785	I	See Footnote <sup>(3)</sup>

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 4.06	05/02/2008		M	98,717	<sup>(5)</sup> 08/16/2012	Ordinary Shares <sup>(4)</sup>	98,717
	\$ 4.06	05/05/2008		M	16,833	<sup>(5)</sup> 08/16/2012		16,833

Option to  
Purchase  
Ordinary  
Shares <sup>(4)</sup>

Ordinary  
Shares <sup>(4)</sup>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TOWNSEND MARK 110 SPITBROOK ROAD BUILDING ZK02, 2ND FLOOR NASHUA, NH 03062			EVP Technology	

## Signatures

/s/Greg Porto (for Mark  
Townsend) 05/06/2008

\_\_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) American Depositary Shares evidenced by American Depositary Receipts, each of which represents one Ordinary Share of SkillSoft Public Limited Company, nominal value 0.11 (Euro) per Ordinary Share.
- (2) Sale made pursuant to Mr. Townsend's Rule 10b5-1 Plan adopted in April 2008.
- (3) Held by the MCM Irrevocable Trust, of which the Reporting Person's spouse is trustee. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership in these securities to the extent to which such person does not have an actual pecuniary interest in these securities.
- (4) Each issued and outstanding Ordinary Share of the issuer, or option to purchase an Ordinary Share of the issuer, is represented by one (1) ADS.
- (5) 100% of the shares subject to this option were fully vested at 08/16/2006.

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