

Balius Brian A  
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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	
Balius Brian A		(Month/Day/Year)	SAIA INC [SAIA]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	04/26/2012	
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)	
JOHNS CREEK, 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
			VP-Linehaul & Ind Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
Common Stock	11,793	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 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)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares			or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Phantom Stock	Â (2)	Â (3)	Common Stock	8,821.318	\$ (1)	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	01/28/2009	01/27/2013	Common Stock	1,790	\$ 27.38	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/02/2010	02/01/2014	Common Stock	2,220	\$ 26.72	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/01/2011	01/31/2015	Common Stock	4,910	\$ 14.71	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/03/2012	02/02/2016	Common Stock	4,650	\$ 11.96	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/02/2013	02/01/2017	Common Stock	4,640	\$ 12.1	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	05/02/2014	05/01/2018	Common Stock	4,100	\$ 16.39	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/02/2015	02/02/2019	Common Stock	6,710	\$ 16.5	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				Other
	Director	10% Owner	Officer		
Balius Brian A 11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY SUITE 400 JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097	Â	Â	Â	VP-Linehaul & Ind Engineering	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Stephanie R. Maschmeier 05/07/2012

\_\_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).
- (1) Conversion rate of this derivative security on May 2, 2012 is 0.8472 resulting in 7,473.71 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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