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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RAMIUS CAPITAL GROUP LLC			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SAIA INC [SAIA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 666 THIRD AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR,		,	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	(Check all applicable) Director X 10% Owner		
		5TH	09/11/2006	Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
NEW YORK, NY 10017			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person _X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	-Derivative	Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly 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)	4. Securit ord Dispos (Instr. 3, 4)	ed of	` '	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, \$.001 par value	09/11/2006		D	2,490	D	\$ 31.01	269,191	I (1)	By Parche, LLC
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	09/11/2006		D	2,767	D	\$ 31.01	266,424	I (1)	By Parche, LLC
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	09/12/2006		D	3,367	D	\$ 32.2579	263,057	I (1)	By Parche, LLC

Common Stock, \$.001 par value	09/12/2006	D	3,740	D	\$ 32.2579	259,317	I (1)	By Parche, LLC
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	09/13/2006	D	3,587	D	\$ 33.441	255,730	I (1)	By Parche, LLC
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	09/13/2006	D	3,984	D	\$ 33.441	251,746	I (1)	By Parche, LLC
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	09/11/2006	D	8,157	D	\$ 31.01	413,447	I (2)	By Ramius Master Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	09/12/2006	D	11,029	D	\$ 32.2579	402,418	I (2)	By Ramius Master Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	09/13/2006	D	11,749	D	\$ 33.441	390,669	I (2)	By Ramius Master Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	09/11/2006	D	1,828	D	\$ 31.01	92,681	I (3)	By RCG Ambrose Master Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	09/12/2006	D	2,472	D	\$ 32.2579	90,209	I (3)	By RCG Ambrose Master Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	09/13/2006	D	2,634	D	\$ 33.441	87,575	I (3)	By RCG Ambrose Master Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	09/11/2006	D	1,683	D	\$ 31.01	85,332	I (4)	By RCG Halifax Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	09/12/2006	D	2,276	D	\$ 32.2579	83,056	I (4)	By RCG Halifax Fund, Ltd.
	09/13/2006	D	2,425	D	\$ 33.441	80,631	I (4)	

Common Stock, \$.001 par value							By RCG Halifax Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	09/11/2006	D	13,075 D	\$ 31.01	662,756	I (5)	By Starboard Value (6)
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	09/12/2006	D	17,679 D	\$ 32.2579	645,077	I (5)	By Starboard Value (6)
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	09/13/2006	D	18,834 D	\$ 33.441	626,243	I (5)	By Starboard Value (6)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6	Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transac	ctionNum	ber E	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	int of	Derivative
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
.	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
RAMIUS CAPITAL GROUP LLC		X				
666 THIRD AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR						

Reporting Owners 3

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Starboard Value & Opportunity Fund, LLC 666 THIRD AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017	X
Parche, LLC 666 THIRD AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017	X
Admiral Advisors, LLC 666 THIRD AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017	X
C4S & CO LLC 666 THIRD AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 19917	X
COHEN PETER A C/O RAMIUS CAPITAL GROUP, LLC 666 THIRD AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017	X
SOLOMON JEFFREY M C/O RAMIUS CAPITAL GROUP, LLC 666 THIRD AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017	X
STARK MORGAN B C/O RAMIUS CAPITAL GROUP, LLC 666 THIRD AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017	X
STRAUSS THOMAS W C/O RAMIUS CAPITAL GROUP, LLC 666 THIRD AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017	X
RCG Ambrose Master Fund, Ltd. 666 THIRD AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017	X

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey M. Solomon, authorized signatory	09/13/2006
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Jeffrey M. Solomon, as Attorney in Fact for Peter A. Cohen	09/13/2006
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Jeffrey M. Solomon, as Attorney in Fact for Thomas W. Strauss	09/13/2006
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Jeffrey M. Solomon, as Attorney in Fact for Morgan B. Stark	09/13/2006

Signatures 4

**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).

Consists of shares of Common Stock held by Parche, LLC (Parche). Each of Messrs. Peter A. Cohen, Morgan B. Stark, Jeffrey M. Solomon and Thomas W. Strauss is an authorized signatory for Admiral Advisors, LLC (Admiral), the managing member of Parche, and is also a managing member of C4S & Co, L.L.C. (C4S), the managing member of Ramius Capital Group, LLC (Ramius). Each of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Solomon and Strauss, Ramius, C4S and Admiral may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares held by Parche. Each of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Solomon and Strauss, Ramius, C4S and Admiral disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to

the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.

Consists of shares of Common Stock held by Ramius Master Fund, Ltd. (Ramius Master). Each of Messrs. Peter A. Cohen, Morgan B. Stark, Jeffrey M. Solomon and Thomas W. Strauss is a managing member of C4S & Co, L.L.C. (C4S), the managing member of Ramius Capital Group, LLC (Ramius), the managing member of Ramius Advisors, LLC (Ramius Advisors), the investment manager of Ramius Master. Each of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Solomon and Strauss, Ramius Advisors and C4S may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares held by Ramius Master. Each of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Solomon and Strauss, Ramius, Ramius Advisors and C4S disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.

Consists of shares of Common Stock held by RCG Ambrose Master Fund, Ltd. (RCG Ambrose). Each of Messrs. Peter A. Cohen, Morgan B. Stark, Jeffrey M. Solomon and Thomas W. Strauss is a managing member of C4S & Co, L.L.C. (C4S), the managing member of Ramius Capital Group, LLC (Ramius) the investment manager of RCG Ambrose, Each of Messrs, Cohen, Stark, Solomon and

- (3) of Ramius Capital Group, LLC (Ramius), the investment manager of RCG Ambrose. Each of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Solomon and Strauss, Ramius and C4S may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares held by RCG Ambrose. Each of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Solomon and Strauss, Ramius and C4S disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.
 - Consists of shares of Common Stock held by RCG Halifax Fund, Ltd. (RCG Halifax). Each of Messrs. Peter A. Cohen, Morgan B. Stark, Jeffrey M. Solomon and Thomas W. Strauss is a managing member of C4S & Co, L.L.C. (C4S), the managing member of Ramius
- (4) Capital Group, LLC (Ramius), the investment manager of RCG Halifax. Each of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Solomon and Strauss, Ramius and C4S may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares held by RCG Halifax. Each of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Solomon and Strauss, Ramius and C4S disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.

Consists of shares of Common Stock held by Starboard Value and Opportunity Master Fund Ltd. (Starboard). Each of Messrs. Peter A. Cohen, Morgan B. Stark, Jeffrey M. Solomon and Thomas W. Strauss is an authorized signatory for Admiral Advisors, LLC (Admiral), the investment manager for Starboard, and is also a managing member of C4S & Co, L.L.C. (C4S), the managing member of Ramius

- (5) Capital Group, LLC (Ramius). Each of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Solomon and Strauss, Ramius, C4S and Admiral may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares held by Starboard. Each of Messrs. Cohen, Stark, Solomon and Strauss, Ramius, C4S and Admiral disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.
- (6) Starboard Value and Opportunity Master Fund Ltd.

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