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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to		
RAMIUS CAPITAL GROUP LLC			Symbol	Issuer		
			SAIA INC [SAIA]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
			(Month/Day/Year)	DirectorX 10% Owner		
666 THIRD AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR,		5TH	08/31/2006	Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person		
NEW YORK, NY 10017				_X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acc	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	r. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 an		d of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	08/31/2006		S	55	D	\$ 31.5	293,973	I (1)	By Parche, LLC
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	08/31/2006		S	86	D	\$ 31.5	456,200	I (2)	By Ramius Master Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	08/31/2006		S	19	D	\$ 31.5	102,264	I (3)	By RCG Ambrose Master Fund, Ltd.

Common Stock, \$.001 par value	08/31/2006	S	18	D	\$ 31.5	94,154	I (4)	By RCG Halifax Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	08/31/2006	S	138	D	\$ 31.5	731,286	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 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. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
RAMIUS CAPITAL GROUP LLC 666 THIRD AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017		X				
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				
		X				

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Admiral Advisors, LLC 666 THIRD AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017	
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, as Attorney in Fact for Peter A. Cohen	09/05/2006
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Jeffrey M. Solomon	09/05/2006
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Jeffrey M. Solomon, as Attorney in Fact for Morgan B. Stark	09/05/2006
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Jeffrey M. Solomon, as Attorney in Fact for Thomas W. Strauss	09/05/2006
**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) 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.

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- 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 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 CAS. & Co. L. L. C. (CAS) the managing members of Remires
- the investment manager for Starboard, 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 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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