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SKILLSOFT PUBLIC LIMITED CO Form 4 August 25, 2009 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading NINE JERALD A JR Issuer Symbol SKILLSOFT PUBLIC LIMITED CO (Check all applicable) [SKIL] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) **107 NORTHEASTERN BLVD** 08/21/2009 Chief Operating Officer (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting NASHUA, NH 03062 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of 6. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (D) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial anv (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price American 3.500 D Depositary 08/21/2009 Μ A 53.821 6 36 Shares (1) \$ American Depositary 08/21/2009 S⁽²⁾ 3.500 D 9.56 50,321 D (3) Shares (1) American See Depositary 43,714 Ι Footnote (4) Shares (1)

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. Transactie Code (Instr. 8)	Transaction of Derivative Code Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares (5)	\$ 6.36	08/21/2009		М	3,500	<u>(6)</u>	09/27/2011	Ordinary Shares (5)	3,500	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting officer runner runners	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
NINE JERALD A JR 107 NORTHEASTERN BLVD NASHUA, NH 03062			Chief Operating Officer				
Signatures							

/s/ Greg Porto (for Jerald Nine, Jr.)

08/25/2009 Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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. Nine's Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan adopted in March 2009.
- The price reported represents the weighted average price of the shares sold. Shares were sold at varying prices in the range of \$9.50 -
- (3) \$9.57. The Reporting Person hereby undertakes, upon request of the Staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, to provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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- (4) Held by the Kimberly M. Nine Revocable Trust, of which the Reporting Person's spouse is trustee. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities to the extent to which such person does not have an actual pecuniary interest in these securities.
- (5) 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.
- (6) 100% of the shares subject to this option were fully vested at 09/27/2005.

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