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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

obligations may continue. See Instruction

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

American Depositary

Shares (1)

05/26/2010

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

NINE JERALD A JR			Symbol SKILLSOFT PUBLIC LIMITED CO [SKIL]				(Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 107 NORTHEASTERN BLVD			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/19/2010				Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Chief Operating Officer			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
NASHUA, N	TH 03062					Form filed by Person	More than One Re	porting		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	able I - Non-D	erivative Se	curities A	Acquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)		Code	4. Securit on(A) or Di (D) (Instr. 3,	sposed of 4 and 5) (A) or			7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
American Depositary Shares (1)	05/19/2010		G V	9,000	D \$	0 34,714	I	See Footnote (2)		
American Depositary Shares (1)	05/26/2010		D	34,714	D (3	<u>0</u>	I	See Footnote (3)		

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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 o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
	ý			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares (5)	\$ 6.36	05/26/2010		D	78,359	<u>(6)</u>	09/27/2011	Ordinary Shares (5)	78,35
Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares (5)	\$ 6.41	05/26/2010		D	1,200,000	<u>(7)</u>	12/05/2013	Ordinary Shares (5)	1,200,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

NINE JERALD A JR 107 NORTHEASTERN BLVD NASHUA, NH 03062

Chief Operating Officer

Signatures

Jerald A. Nine, 05/27/2010 Jr.

**Signature of Date
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 (ADS) 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.
- Reflects a gift by The Kimberly Nine Revocable Trust, of which the Reporting Person's spouse is trustee, to The Nine Family's charitable (2) gift fund. 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.

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- These ADSs are held by the Kimberly M. Nine Revocable Trust, of which the Reporting Person's spouse is trustee, and were disposed of pursuant to the Transaction Agreement regarding a scheme of arrangement (the "Transaction Agreement") between issuer and SSI Investments III Limited ("SSI") in exchange for a cash payment of \$390,532.50 (\$11.25 per ADS), subject to applicable tax withholding and an ADS cancellation fee.
- (4) These ADS are held by the Reporting Person, and were disposed of pursuant to the Transaction Agreement in exchange for a cash payment of \$566,111.25 (\$11.25 per ADS), subject to applicable tax withholding and an ADS cancellation fee.
- (5) Each issued and oustanding Ordinary Share of the issuer, or option to purchase an Ordinary Share of the issuer, is represented by one ADS.
- This option, which was 100% vested at 09/27/2005, was cancelled pursuant to the Transaction Agreement, in exchange for a cash

 (6) payment of \$383,175.51 representing the difference between the exercise price of the option and the consideration of \$11.25 per share paid pursuant to the Transaction Agreement, subject to applicable tax withholding.
- This option, which vested as to 25% of the shares on 12/05/2007 and as to an additional 1/48th of the shares each month thereafter for 36 months, was cancelled pursuant to the Transaction Agreement, in exchange for a cash payment of \$5,808,000 representing the difference between the exercise price of the option and the consideration of \$11.25 per share paid pursuant to the Transaction Agreement, subject to applicable tax withholding.

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