

MEAGHER WILLIAM F JR  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MEAGHER WILLIAM F JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SKILLSOFT PUBLIC LIMITED CO  
[SKIL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
170 RICHARDSON DRIVE  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/26/2010

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

NEEDHAM, MA 02492

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)           | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|   |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
| American Depository Shares <sup>(1)</sup> | 05/26/2010                           |  | D                              | 3,500   | D 2.00  | 0  | 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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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| 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative 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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares <sup>(3)</sup> | \$ 10.75   | 05/26/2010                           |  | D                              | 25,000  | <sup>(4)</sup> 03/04/2014                                | Ordinary Shares <sup>(3)</sup>                                | 25,000                        |
| Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares <sup>(3)</sup> | \$ 5.65  | 05/26/2010                           |  | D                              | 10,000  | <sup>(5)</sup> 01/01/2015                                | Ordinary Shares <sup>(3)</sup>                                | 10,000                        |
| Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares <sup>(3)</sup> | \$ 5.5   | 05/26/2010                           |  | D                              | 10,000  | <sup>(6)</sup> 01/01/2016                                | Ordinary Shares <sup>(3)</sup>                                | 10,000                        |
| Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares <sup>(3)</sup> | \$ 6.21  | 05/26/2010                           |  | D                              | 10,000  | <sup>(7)</sup> 01/01/2017                                | Ordinary Shares <sup>(3)</sup>                                | 10,000                        |
| Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares <sup>(3)</sup> | \$ 9.56  | 05/26/2010                           |  | D                              | 20,000  | <sup>(8)</sup> 01/01/2018                                | Ordinary Shares <sup>(3)</sup>                                | 20,000                        |
| Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares <sup>(3)</sup> | \$ 7.14  | 05/26/2010                           |  | D                              | 20,000  | <sup>(9)</sup> 01/01/2019                                | Ordinary Shares <sup>(3)</sup>                                | 20,000                        |
| Option to Purchase Ordinary Shares <sup>(3)</sup> | \$ 10.48   | 05/26/2010                           |  | D                              | 20,000  | <sup>(10)</sup> 01/01/2020                               | Ordinary Shares <sup>(3)</sup>                                | 20,000                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address               | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MEAGHER WILLIAM F JR<br>170 RICHARDSON DRIVE | X             |           |         |       |

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## Signatures

/s/Greg Porto (for William Meagher)

05/27/2010

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) 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.
- (2) These ADSs are held in the name of the Reporting Person, 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 \$39,375.00 (\$11.25 per ADS), subject to applicable tax withholding and an ADS cancellation fee.
- (3) Each issued and outstanding Ordinary Share of the issuer, or option to purchase an ordinary share of the issuer, is represented by one ADS.
- (4) This option, which was 100% vested on 3/4/08, was cancelled pursuant to the Transaction Agreement, in exchange for a cash payment of \$12,500.00 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.
- (5) This option, which was 100% vested on 1/1/09, was cancelled pursuant to the Transaction Agreement, in exchange for a cash payment of \$56,000.00 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.
- (6) This option, which was 100% vested on 1/1/07, was cancelled pursuant to the Transaction Agreement, in exchange for a cash payment of \$57,500.00 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.
- (7) This option, which was 100% vested on 1/1/08, was cancelled pursuant to the Transaction Agreement, in exchange for a cash payment of \$50,400.00 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.
- (8) This option, which was 100% vested on 1/1/09, was cancelled pursuant to the Transaction Agreement, in exchange for a cash payment of \$33,800.00 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.
- (9) This option, which was 100% vested on 1/1/10, was cancelled pursuant to the Transaction Agreement, in exchange for a cash payment of \$82,200.00 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.
- (10) This option, which vests 100% on 1/1/11, was cancelled pursuant to the Transaction Agreement, in exchange for a cash payment of \$15,400.00 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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