

BOYCE WILLIAM J.  
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 \*  
BOYCE WILLIAM J.

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)  
2420 BEACON STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/08/2009

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

CHESTNUT HILL, MA 02467  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)  | Code  | V  | Amount                            | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---|--|--|
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| (Instr. 3)   | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8)<br>Code | (A) or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | V | (A)    | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title                             | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---|---|--------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Option to<br>Purchase<br>Ordinary<br>Shares <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 4.97                            | 09/08/2009       | D <sup>(2)</sup>   |   |   | 50,000 |     | <sup>(2)</sup>      | 03/11/2019         | Ordinary<br>Shares <sup>(1)</sup> | 50,000                              |
| Option to<br>Purchase<br>Ordinary<br>Shares <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 4.97                            | 09/08/2009       | A <sup>(2)</sup>   |   |   | 50,000 |     | <sup>(2)</sup>      | 03/11/2019         | Ordinary<br>Shares <sup>(1)</sup> | 50,000                              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BOYCE WILLIAM J.<br>2420 BEACON STREET<br>CHESTNUT HILL, MA 02467 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Greg Porto (for William Boyce) 09/09/2009

<sup>(1)</sup>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) 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.
- (2) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, extending the post-termination exercise period of the option from three months to twelve months, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the old option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted March 11, 2009 and provides for vesting in three equal annual installments commencing March 11, 2010.

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