

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)  
03/11/2009

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)

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

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/Greg Porto (for William  
Boyce) 03/13/2009  
\*\*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. Option granted under the automatic grant program set forth in the Company's 2001 Outside Director Option Plan.
- (2) 33.33% of the shares vest on each of 03/11/2010, 03/11/2011, and 03/11/2012.
- (3) Not applicable; the transaction being reported is an option to purchase Ordinary Shares of the issuer.

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