

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

() Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
 Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 Vesty, David P.
 14 Oak Park
 Bedford, MA 01730
 USA
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Progress Software Corporation
 PRGS
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
 01/31/1999
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 () Director () 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other
 (specify below)
 Vice President, Worldwide Sales
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
 () Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security	2. Transaction Date	3. Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Amount	A/D			
Common Stock	01/25/99	M	7,500	A	\$9.00		
Common Stock	01/25/99	S	7,500	D	\$33.625		

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date	4. Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Explanation of Responses:
 (1) The option vests in equal monthly increments over a 60 month period commencing March 1, 1996.
 (3) On 01/31/99, options to purchase 6,483 shares were vested.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
 David P. Vesty
 DATE
 02/02/1999