

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>IRELAND DAVID G</u>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>PROGRESS SOFTWARE CORP /MA [PRGS]</u>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>President, Progress Company</u>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/07/2003</u>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
<u>14 OAK PARK</u>			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) <u>BEDFORD MA 01730</u>								
(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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	10/07/2003		M		5,200	A	\$9	13,513	D	
Common Stock	10/07/2003		S		5,200	D	\$23.5	8,313	D	
Common Stock	10/08/2003		M		800	A	\$9	9,113	D	
Common Stock	10/08/2003		S		800	D	\$23.5	8,313	D	

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. 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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Nonqualified Stock Options	\$9	10/07/2003		M			5,200	10/01/1998 ⁽¹⁾	09/01/2008	Common Stock	5,200	\$9	800 ⁽²⁾	D	
Nonqualified Stock Options	\$9	10/08/2003		M			800	10/01/1998 ⁽¹⁾	09/01/2008	Common Stock	800	\$9	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The options vest in equal monthly increments over a 57 month period, commencing October 1, 1998.
- As of October 8, 2003, options to purchase 800 shares were vested.

Remarks:

David G. Ireland 10/09/2003
** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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