

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 Pareek, Purna
 14 Oak Park
 Bedford, MA 01730
 USA
2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)
 March 2, 1998
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Progress Software Corporation
 PRGS
5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other
 (specify below)
 Vice President, General Manager
6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct(D) or Indirect(I)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	302,300	D	
Common Stock	1,882	I	Held by wife

Table II -- Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct(D) or Indirect(I)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Incentive Stock Option	7/01/07 (1) 8/01/07	Common Stock	5,000 \$16.50	I	Held By Wife

Explanation of Responses:
 (1) On August 1, 1997, the wife of the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 5,000 shares of common stock. The option vests in full on July 1, 2007, but may vest sooner in full or in part, if certain performance criteria are satisfied by the business unit by which the optionee is employed.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
 Purna Pareek
 DATE
 March 6, 1998