## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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FORM 4

<ul> <li>or Form 5 obligations ma</li> </ul>	ay continue. See Instruction 1(b			suant to Section 16 Section 30(h) of th			Exchange Act of 1934 any Act of 1940							
1. Name and Address of Re IRELAND DAVII	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PROGRESS SOFTWARE CORP / MA [ PRGS ]							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)						
(Last) 14 OAK PARK	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/11/2003							President, Progress Company				
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						6. Indiv	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)				
BEDFORD	MA	01730								X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)												
		Table I -	Non-Derivativ	e Securities A	Acquired	l, Dispo	osed of, or Bene	ficially Ov	/ned					
1. Title of Security (Instr.	3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired 3, 4 and 5)	I (A) or Dispos	ed Of (D) (Instr.	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr.			
			(Monthibay) real)	(Month/Day/Year)	Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(1130.4)	4)		
Common Stock										8,313	D			
		Table					ed of, or Benefic vertible securit		ed					

1 1		Conversion	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)		Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative		Form: Direct	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
		occurry			Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Nonqualified Stock	k Options	\$21.86	11/11/2003		A		52,500		11/11/2003 <sup>(1)</sup>	11/10/2013	Common Stock	52,500	\$21.86	52,500 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Incentive Stock Op	ptions	\$21.86	11/11/2003		A		22,500		11/11/2003 <sup>(1)</sup>	11/10/2013	Common Stock	22,500	\$21.86	22,500 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	

Explanation of Responses:

Expansion or responses. 1. Nine-sixtlens of the options vest on the date of grant, thereafter the options vest in equal monthly increments over a 51 month period commencing December 1, 2003. 2. As of November 13, 2003, options to purchase 7,875 shares were vested. 3. As of November 13, 2003, options to purchase 3,375 shares were vested.

Remarks:

David G. Ireland \*\* Signature of Reporting Person 11/13/2003 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).
Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.
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Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of James D. Freedman, Vice President and General Counsel of Progress Software ( 1. execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer, director and/or 10% shareholder of the Company, Form 144 Notice of Progress 2. execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer, director and/or 10% shareholder of the Company, Forms 3, 4 and 5 in acc 3. do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Forms 144, 3, 4 or 5 and 4. take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best in The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, of the undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, of the undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, of the undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, of the undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, of the performance of the pe

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 144, 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed this 13th day of November, 2003.

/s/ David G. Ireland

Signature

David G. Ireland

Print Name