

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <u>PETERS EDWARD M JR</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 3202 TOWER OAKS BLVD. SUITE 300 (Street) ROCKVILLE MD 20852 (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)</b> 12/23/2003	<b>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b> PROGRESS SOFTWARE CORP / MA [ PRGS ]	
		<b>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</b> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Pres., DataDirect Technologies	<b>5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b>  <b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	0	D	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Edward M. Peters, Jr.

01/02/2004

\*\* 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 5 (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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

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 Prop
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, (

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 undersigne

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed this 31st day of December, 2003.

/s/ Edward M. Peters, Jr.

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Signature

Edward M. Peters, Jr.

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Print Name