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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>IRELAND DAVID G</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>14 OAK PARK</u> (Street) <u>BEDFORD MA 01730</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 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> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/01/2003</u> | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

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 | 10/01/2003 | | M | | 10,500 | A | \$9 | 18,813 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/01/2003 | | S | | 10,000 | D | \$22 | 8,813 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/01/2003 | | S | | 500 | D | \$22.25 | 8,313 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/03/2003 | | M | | 14,500 | A | \$9 | 22,813 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/03/2003 | | S | | 10,000 | D | \$22.4 | 12,813 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/03/2003 | | S | | 4,500 | D | \$22.25 | 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) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Nonqualified Stock Options | \$9 | 10/01/2003 | | M | | | 10,500 | 10/01/1998 ⁽¹⁾ | 09/01/2008 | Common Stock | 10,500 | \$9 | 20,500 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Nonqualified Stock Options | \$9 | 10/03/2003 | | M | | | 14,500 | 10/01/1998 ⁽¹⁾ | 09/01/2008 | Common Stock | 14,500 | \$9 | 6,000 ⁽³⁾ | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- The options vest in equal monthly increments over a 57 month period, commencing October 1, 1998.
- As of October 2, 2003, options to purchase 20,500 shares were vested.
- As of October 3, 2003, options to purchase 6,000 shares were vested.

Remarks:

David G. Ireland 10/03/2003
 ** 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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