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# TM Forum Names Progress Software's John Wilmes as Distinguished Fellow

BEDFORD, MA, Jul 15, 2010 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Progress Software Corporation (NASDAQ: PRGS), a leading software provider that enables enterprises to be operationally responsive, today announced that John Wilmes, the company's Chief Technology Architect, Communications sector, was named a Distinguished Fellow by the TM Forum. The Distinguished Fellow Award recognizes individuals, who have made valuable contributions to the TM Forum and to the communications industry as a whole.

John Wilmes has 16 years of experience developing solutions for the communications industry, and is member co-chair of the TM Forum's Business Process Framework (eTOM) and Information Framework (SID) Technical Programs. He is an active member of other key TM Forum technical programs, and is driving the build-out of low-level eTOM processes and their mapping to SID entities. John also co-authored two books: "Application Integration using the SID" (2008) and "Business Transformation with TM Forum Solution Frameworks and SOA" (2009).

Martin Creaner, president, TM Forum, commented, "Only a few Distinguished Fellows awards have been given out over the 22-year history of the TM Forum, and it takes exceptional contributions like those from John Wilmes over an extended period of time to merit one. Bolstered by the work of our distinguished fellows, the TM Forum and the greater industry can continue to meet the challenges facing communications service providers today."

The TM Forum is the world's leading industry association comprising more than 700 corporate members in 195 countries. It is focused on enabling best-in-class IT for service providers in the communications, media and cloud service markets. The TM Forum provides business-critical industry standards and expertise to facilitate the creation, delivery and monetization of digital services. The Distinguished Fellow Award is given to members who have:

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--  A lengthy and sustained record of service to the industry and to TM
    Forum;
--  Contributed to the technical excellence of the TM Forum;
--  Helped to materially advance the OSS/BSS industry;
--  Demonstrated leadership and teamwork;
--  Shown a commitment to helping advance the principles of the TM Forum
    in the communications industry; and,
--  A proven track record of achievements and accomplishment.
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Gary Conway, executive vice president and chief marketing officer, Progress Software, said: "We are delighted with the TM Forum's recognition of John Wilmes, who has consistently demonstrated strong leadership in the telecommunications industry. At Progress Software, our goal is to help communications service providers achieve increased operational responsiveness. The combination of best-in-class communications solutions, exceptional service and experienced people will ensure we can achieve that goal."

About Progress Software Corporation Progress Software Corporation (NASDAQ: PRGS) is a global software company that enables enterprises to be operationally responsive to changing conditions and customer interactions as they occur -- to capitalize on new opportunities, drive greater efficiencies and reduce risk. The company offers a comprehensive portfolio of best-in-class infrastructure software spanning event-driven visibility and real-time response, open integration, data access and integration, and application development and deployment -- all supporting on-premises and SaaS/Cloud deployments. Progress maximizes the benefits of operational responsiveness while minimizing IT complexity and total cost of ownership. Progress can be reached at www.progress.com or +1-781-280-4000.

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