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Progress OpenEdge Recognized for Worldwide Leadership in the "Pure-Play" Embedded Database Management Systems Market By Leading Industry Analyst Firm

Strong ISV Channel Relationship and Continuous Product Development Cited as Key Contributory Factors

BEDFORD, Mass.– February 26 , 2008 – [Progress Software Corporation](#) (NASDAQ: PRGS), a global supplier of application infrastructure software used to develop, deploy, integrate and manage business applications, announced today that IDC has named Progress Software as the largest pure-play embedded database management system (DBMS) vendor in the IDC, "Worldwide Embedded DBMS 2007-2011 Forecast and 2006 Vendor Shares," Doc # 209653, December 2007 Report with the [Progress® OpenEdge®](#) business application development platform.

The IDC report defines embedded DBMS as "database management systems" sold to Independent Software Vendors (ISVs) for inclusion in their software products. They have no visible aspect to the end user, with management functions handled either automatically or through an API so that the client ISV can handle them in the context of normal product operation.

The report names Progress Software as "the largest pure-play embedded DBMS vendor (a company that sells only or almost only through the embedded channel) followed by InterSystems Pervasive and Empress Software", and states that Progress OpenEdge generates the majority of this revenue.

Carl Olofson, research vice president for information management and data integration software at IDC, commented: "Progress has mastered the ISV business model, which it has successfully executed over the past 26 years. Progress has consistently maintained a strong relationship with its ISVs through a concentration on both development and sales support."

The OpenEdge platform is the first integrated platform optimized for the development and deployment of service-oriented business applications. It isolates developers from the complexities of today's computing environments, allowing them to concentrate on what really matters - creating the business logic of their application. Systems built on the OpenEdge platform are portable, reliable and scalable, yet require fewer administrative resources than other deployment platforms.

Progress Software has over 1,500 ISVs (called Progress Application Partners) who use the Progress OpenEdge platform to develop their own business applications.

Bob Palumbo, vice president of partner development and marketing for Progress Software, noted: "We understand and value the ISV relationships that we have nurtured over the last twenty six years that have led to the broad-based success of our OpenEdge platform. Through Business and Technical Empowerment programs, as well as joint marketing campaigns and a unique shared-success business model, we have developed a powerful Application Partner network that has generated over 5,000 distinct applications in over 60,000 organizations worldwide. Additionally, our Application Partners deploy their software at more than 10,000 new sites and 600,000 new users every year. We are laser-focused on delivering continued value to our Application Partners and are delivering our SOA portfolio to help drive their businesses to greater success for the long term."

About Progress Software Corporation

Progress Software Corporation (NASDAQ: PRGS) provides application infrastructure software for the development, deployment, integration and management of business applications. Our goal is to maximize the benefits of information technology while minimizing its complexity and total cost of ownership. Progress can be reached at www.progress.com or +1-781-280-4000.

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