

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

() Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
 Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 Robertson, Norman R.
 P.O. Box 243
 Main Street
 Groton, MA 01450
 USA
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Progress Software Corporation
 PRGS
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
 September 1998
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 () Director () 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other
 (specify below)
 Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
 () Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Transaction Date	3. Transaction Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Amount	A/D	Price			
Common Stock	09/18/98	M	4,941	A	\$9.00			
Common Stock	09/18/98	M	1,246	A	\$9.41			
Common Stock	09/18/98	M	2,361	A	\$10.42			
Common Stock	09/18/98	M	1,452	A	\$10.42			
Common Stock	09/18/98	S	10,000	D	\$25.00			
Common Stock	09/23/98	M	10,000	A	\$10.42			
Common Stock	09/23/98	S	10,000	D	\$26.0625			
						132 (1)	D	

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
				Amount	A/D	Exercise Date	Expiration Date					
Incentive Stock Option	\$10.42	09/18/98	M	1,452 (2)	D	06/01/97	05/01/06	Common Stock (2)		22,911 (2) (3)	D	
Nonqualified Stock Option	\$10.42	09/18/98	M	2,361 (2)	D	06/01/97	05/01/06	Common Stock (2)		2,968 (2) (4)	D	
Nonqualified Stock Option	\$9.00	09/18/98	M	4,941 (2)	D	03/01/96	08/20/06	Common Stock (2)		6,590 (2) (5)	D	
Nonqualified Stock Option	\$9.41	09/18/98	M	1,246 (2)	D	03/01/97	03/02/07	Common Stock (2)		17,047 (2) (6)	D	
Incentive Stock Option	\$10.42	09/23/98	M	10,000 (2)	D	06/01/97	05/01/06	Common Stock (2)		22,911 (2) (7)	D	
Incentive Stock Option	\$9.41	07/13/98	J (2)	100 (2)	A	03/01/97	03/02/07	Common Stock (2)		231 (2)	D	
Nonqualified Stock Option	\$14.41	07/13/98	J (2)	19,000 (2)	A	03/01/98	02/02/08	Common Stock (2)		57,000 (2)	D	

Nonqualified Stock Option	\$13.08	07/13/98	J (2)	V (5,000)	(2)	A	01/01/98	12/21/07	Common Stock	5,000 (2)	15,000 (2)	D
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Explanation of Responses:

(1) On June 17, 1998, the Company declared a 3-for-2 stock split effected in the form of a stock dividend payable to holders of record of common stock on June 29, 1998. On the payment date, July 13, 1998, each holder of common stock of the Company received one additional share of common stock of the Company for every two shares held. Table I reflects an adjustment to the number of shares of common stock held by the reporting person as a result of the stock split.

(2) On the payment date of July 13, 1998, pursuant to the anti-dilution provisions in the Company's stock option plans, each option granted by the Company prior to June 29, 1998, was adjusted to reflect the stock split effected in the form of stock dividend. Each of the options reported herein were previously reported. The adjustments in Table II involve the price of each option, the number of shares underlying such options, and the number of derivative securities beneficially owned at the end of month.

(3) The option vests in equal monthly increments over a 60 month period commencing June 1, 1997. The option was granted subject to accelerated vesting if the Company satisfies performance criteria. The Company satisfied the criteria during the third quarter of its 1998 fiscal year, resulting in the vesting of the option as to 9,468 shares.

(4) The option vests in equal monthly increments over a 60 month period commencing June 1, 1997. The option was granted subject to accelerated vesting if the Company satisfies performance criteria. The Company satisfied the criteria during the third quarter of its 1998 fiscal year, resulting in the vesting of the option as to 1,781 shares. On 10/01/98, options to purchase 148 shares were vested.

(5) The option vests in equal monthly increments over a 60 month period commencing March 1, 1996. The option was granted subject to accelerated vesting if the Company satisfies performance criteria. The Company satisfied the criteria during the third quarter of its 1998 fiscal year, resulting in the vesting of the option as to 1,781 shares. On 10/01/98, options to purchase 330 shares were vested.

(6) On 10/01/98, options to purchase 415 shares were vested.

(7) On 10/01/98, options to purchase 7,922 shares were vested.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

Norman R. Robertson

DATE

October 7, 1998