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Progress® OpenEdge® Ranked Number One in Worldwide 'Pure-Play' Embedded Database Management Systems Market by Leading Industry Analyst Firm

Continuous innovative product development and successful ISV channel relationship cited as key factors to Progress' success

BEDFORD, Mass.– February 2, 2009 – [Progress Software Corporation](#) (NASDAQ: PRGS), a provider of leading application infrastructure software to develop, deploy, integrate and manage business applications today announced that IDC has ranked the award-winning Progress® OpenEdge® [business application development platform](#) as the number one pure-play [embedded database](#) management system (DBMS) in the world. IDC presented their findings in a report released in December, 2008: 'Worldwide Embedded Database Management Systems 2007 Vendor Shares'.

The report defines embedded DBMS as database management systems sold to Independent Software Vendors (ISVs) for inclusion in their software products and identifies pure-play vendors as vendors that create products designed to specifically support DBMS software embedded in products offered by ISV partners.

Carl Olofson, research vice president for Information Management and Data Integration Software at IDC, commented: "Excellence in the embedded space depends on self-managing database server software and excellent support for ISV partners. Because budgets are expected to be severely squeezed for the next 18 months, it seems likely that applications and tools with embedded databases that require no DBA support will find increasing favor."

The report names Progress Software as "the leading pure-play embedded DBMS vendor", and defined the OpenEdge RDBMS as "a networked-based, multi-user RDBMS that supports applications deployed on UNIX, Windows and Linux as well as legacy platforms."



Olofson continued: "Progress has been the leading player in the embedded DBMS space for over a quarter century, offering a range of products for ISVs to use in building and deploying their applications. Their success comes mostly from the coupling of technical innovation with strong intimate support for their ISV customers."

Progress Software has over 1,500 ISVs (called [Progress Application Partners](#)) who use the Progress OpenEdge platform to develop their own business applications. OpenEdge is the first fully integrated development, deployment and management platform for the rapid creation of [business applications](#) that are standards-based and service-oriented. Over 5,000 distinct applications in over 60,000 organizations worldwide are developed with OpenEdge. Additionally, Progress Application Partners deploy their software at more than 10,000 new sites for 600,000 new users every year.

Progress recently released OpenEdge 10.2A, which included new graphical user interface (GUI) capabilities that enable developers to build Microsoft .NET-based Windows Graphics User Interfaces (GUI) natively within the OpenEdge development platform - without requiring any training or prior knowledge of .NET itself.

Paul Knopf, vice president, Technology for QAD's Americas territory, said: "QAD Enterprise Applications 2008 provides the next generation of users with a broad integrated product, focused on collaborative Manufacturing and Supply Chain with full deployment independence using a single code base for SaaS or on premise deployment, thus allowing easy migration between the deployment options. QAD has maintained a long standing partnership with Progress Software and our many joint customers benefit from Progress' open, Service Oriented Architecture, which enables easier application integration and excellent scalability, underlined with the industry leading lowest cost of ownership our joint customers enjoy."

David Ireland, executive vice president of OpenEdge, Progress Software, noted: "Support and continuous development of OpenEdge for our Application Partners is a critical component to the success of our partner community as well as for our customers. As our partners and customers adopt Software-as-a-Service and Service-Oriented Architecture (SOA) strategies, the need for high availability and scalability becomes crucial along with the latest development tools. With the OpenEdge platform, Progress continues to deliver the same low maintenance



and ease of administration our customers have come to expect, but with the level of scalability and data management that these new architectural models require."

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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