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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE TO

Tender Offer Statement under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Progress Software Corporation

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))

Progress Software Corporation

(Name of Filing Person (Issuer and Offeror))

Options to Purchase Shares of Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share

(Title of Class of Securities)

Not applicable

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

Joseph W. Alsop

Progress Software Corporation

14 Oak Park

Bedford, Massachusetts 01730

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(Name, address, and telephone numbers of person authorized to receive notices and communications on behalf of filing persons) with copies to:

John D. Hancock, Esq. Foley Hoag llp 155 Seaport Boulevard Boston, Massachusetts 02210 Calculation of Filing Fee

Transaction valuation

Amount of filing fee

Not Applicable*

Not Applicable*

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of a tender offer.

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This Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO (Schedule TO) is filed by Progress Software Corporation. Pursuant to Rule 13e-4 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and General Instruction D to Schedule TO, this Schedule TO relates to pre-commencement communications by Progress Software Corporation.

Item 12. Exhibits.

99.1 Email to employees of Progress Software Corporation from Joseph W. Alsop, dated December 19, 2006.

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