



Progress Software finalise l'acquisition de IONA Technologies

Paris le 15 septembre 2008 - Progress Software Corporation annonce la finalisation de l'acquisition de IONA Technologies plc., fournisseur reconnu de solutions d'intégration logicielle. Vous trouverez ci-joint l'annonce originale de cette finalisation (en anglais). □□ Toutes les réglementations et conditions légales ont été satisfaites depuis l'annonce du rachat au 30 juin dernier.

Progress acquiert ainsi IONA :

- avec un prix d'achat global d'approximativement 162 millions de dollars
- et pour une valeur nette en cash et titres de placement d'environ 107 millions de dollars.

□ **Les produits IONA complètent parfaitement la gamme de solutions SOA de Progress**, composée de produits de pointe utilisables aussi bien seuls qu'ensemble, afin de former une infrastructure SOA complète.

- Grâce à la technologie IONA, les applications existantes, écrites en C++ ou selon la norme CORBA, peuvent maintenant exposer des services réutilisables susceptibles de participer pleinement à une mise en oeuvre SOA à base de standards Web.
- IONA offre également une intégration "smart endpoint" avec le cadre .NET WCF (Windows Communications Framework) de Microsoft, ainsi qu'avec le très populaire environnement open source Spring Java. Ces "smart endpoints" (extrémités intelligentes), permettant d'intégrer des services dans la plupart des applications existantes, fonctionnent dans n'importe quel environnement informatique grâce à une grande variété de protocoles réseau, et sont pleinement compatibles avec le bus Progress Sonic ESB afin de former un "backbone" SOA complet idéal pour l'intégration de systèmes hétérogènes et l'interopérabilité.

Progress Software Corporation Completes Acquisition of IONA Technologies plc

BEDFORD, Mass. – September 12, 2008 – [Progress Software Corporation](#) (NASDAQ: PRGS), a global supplier of application infrastructure software used to develop, deploy, integrate and manage business applications today announced that all regulatory and legal requirements have been satisfied and that the acquisition of IONA Technologies plc is now complete. Progress acquired IONA for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$162 million and approximately \$107 million net of cash and marketable securities reported on June 30, 2008, which it funded with existing cash resources.

[Joseph Alsop, co-founder and chief executive officer](#) of Progress Software commented: "The addition of IONA will strengthen Progress' position as the industry's independent choice for infrastructure software supporting heterogeneous, distributed IT environments implementing a Service Oriented Architecture (SOA). IONA's products complement the Progress SOA portfolio with leading edge, best-in-class technology and enable a wider variety of interoperability and deployment options, including the support of high-performance, mission-critical systems based on C++ and CORBA. Moreover, Progress intends to leverage IONA's leadership role in standards bodies and open source software development."

In connection with the acquisition, Progress expects to issue options to purchase an aggregate of 542,800 shares of Progress common stock to approximately 90 former IONA employees who have joined Progress as part of the acquisition. The grants will be made pursuant to Progress' 2004 Inducement Stock Plan and are subject to the approval of the Compensation Committee of Progress' Board of Directors.

Progress expects to provide updated financial guidance with respect to the 2008 fiscal year reflecting the IONA acquisition in connection with its upcoming third quarter earnings release and conference call currently scheduled for September 18, 2008.

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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