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Health Level Seven Announces Progress Software's DataDirect Technologies Division as Newest Benefactor

ANN ARBOR, MI, U.S.—August 1, 2007—Health Level Seven (HL7), a preeminent healthcare IT standards development organization with broad international representation, today announced DataDirect Technologies, an operating company of Progress Software Corporation has become the organization's latest benefactor member. As an HL7 benefactor, Progress Software Corporation's DataDirect Technologies Division provides financial support to HL7 for the development of industry-critical standards and products.

"We are delighted to welcome Progress Software-DataDirect Technologies Division as an HL7 benefactor," said HL7 CEO Charles Jaffe, MD, PhD. "We appreciate the organization's ongoing commitment to interoperability and its recognition of HL7's vital role in developing healthcare information standards. The support of our benefactors is critical in enabling HL7 to continue its work toward interoperability in healthcare's clinical and administrative systems, not only in the US, but worldwide."

"Progress Software-DataDirect Technologies Division has a long history of standards support and building products that embrace interoperability," said Robert Evelyn, vice president of strategy and general manager for the XML products group at DataDirect Technologies. "As an HL7 benefactor we bring our deep technical knowledge of XML, data access and integration to the healthcare community helping to advance HL7's mission to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of healthcare information delivery."

Progress Software-DataDirect Technologies joins 34 other HL7 benefactor members including: Accenture; Booz Allen Hamilton; Boston Scientific Corporation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Duke Clinical Research Institute (DCRI); Eclipsys Corporation; Eli Lilly & Company; Epic Systems Corporation; the Food and Drug Administration; GE Healthcare Information Technologies; GlaxoSmithKline; IBM; Intel Corporation; InterSystems Corporation; Kaiser Permanente; McKesson Provider Technologies; Microsoft Corporation; Misys Healthcare Systems; NHS Connecting for Health; NICTIZ National Healthcare; Novartis; Oracle Corporation; Partners HealthCare System, Inc.; Pfizer, Inc.; Philips Medical Systems; QuadraMed Corporation; Quest Diagnostics Inc.; Science

Applications International Corporation; Siemens Medical Solutions Health Services; Solucient, LLC.; St. Jude Medical; the U.S. Department of Defense, Military Health System; the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; and Wyeth Pharmaceuticals.

About DataDirect Technologies, an operating company of Progress Software

DataDirect Technologies is the software industry's only comprehensive provider of software for connecting the world's most critical business applications to data and services, running on any platform, using proven and emerging standards. Developers worldwide depend on DataDirect® products to connect their applications to an unparalleled range of data sources using standards-based interfaces such as ODBC, JDBC™ and ADO.NET, XQuery and SOAP. More than 300 leading independent software vendors and thousands of enterprises rely on DataDirect Technologies to simplify and streamline data connectivity for distributed systems and to reduce the complexity of mainframe integration. DataDirect Technologies is an operating company of Progress Software Corporation (Nasdaq: PRGS). For more information, visit www.datadirect.com.

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About HL7

Founded in 1987, Health Level Seven, Inc. (www.HL7.org) is a not-for-profit, ANSI-accredited standards developing organization dedicated to providing a comprehensive framework and related standards for the exchange, integration, sharing, and retrieval of electronic health information that supports clinical practice and the management, delivery and evaluation of health services. HL7's more than 2,300 members represent approximately 500 corporate members, including 90 percent of the information systems vendors serving healthcare.

Numerous HL7 Affiliates have been established around the globe including Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey, United Kingdom, and Uruguay.

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