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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* BAUER ALAN R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

PROGRESSIVE CORP/OH/ [PGR]

(Check all applicable)

(First)

6300 WILSON MILLS ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify

01/24/2006 below)

Group President - / Direct Business

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Instr. 8)

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

MAYFIELD VILLAGE, OH 44143

(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership Securities Form: Direct Beneficially Owned (I) Following

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionDerivative		Expiration Date	<b>Underlying Securities</b>
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Derivative Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount of Exercisable Date Number of

Shares

Deferred

Comp \$ 0 (1) 01/24/2006 I 2,582.91 (3) 01/24/2006 Common 2,582.9

Unit

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BAUER ALAN R 6300 WILSON MILLS ROAD

MAYFIELD VILLAGE, OH 44143

Group President - Direct Business

**Signatures** 

David M. Coffey, by Power of Attorney 01/26/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- **(1)** 1 for 1

The third party administrator of the Deferred Compensation Plan (the 'Plan') should have made the distribution to the reporting person on January 13, 2006, but was unable to do so until January 24, 2006 due to an administrative error. Thus, although the reporting person's

- (2) right to receive the distribution under the Plan was not fixed until January 24, 2006, the distribution was calculated based on the January 13, 2006 closing price in order to ensure that the proper amount was distributed to the reporting person. The third party administrator paid the difference between the January 24, 2006 distribution amount and the proceeds generated by the Plan's sale of the number of Common Shares shown in Column 7 on January 24, 2006.
- (3) Immediately

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