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PROGRESSIVE REPORTS MARCH RESULTS

MAYFIELD VILLAGE, OHIO -- April 9, 2008 -- The Progressive Corporation today reported the following results for March 2008:

(millions, except per share amounts and ratios)	Month			Quarter		
	2008	2007	Change	2008	2007	Change
Net premiums written	\$1,118.3	\$1,137.8	(2)%	\$3,490.4	\$3,646.7	(4)%
Net premiums earned	\$1,049.4	\$1,083.0	(3)%	\$3,390.0	\$3,493.8	(3)%
Net income	\$71.3	\$131.1	(46)%	\$239.4	\$363.5	(34)%
Per share	\$.11	\$.18	(40)%	\$.35	\$.49	(28)%
Pretax net realized gains (losses) on securities	\$(29.0)	\$7.8	NM	\$32.2	\$23.3	38%
Combined ratio	92.8	88.2	4.6 pts.	94.6	89.5	5.1 pts.
Average diluted equivalent shares	675.2	741.9	(9)%	677.3	745.3	(9)%
NM = Not Meaningful						

(in thousands)	March 2008	March 2007	Change
Policies in Force			
Total Personal Auto	7,122.0	7,024.6	1%
Total Special Lines	3,151.8	2,928.6	8%
Total Commercial Auto	545.4	514.7	6%

Progressive offers insurance to personal and commercial auto drivers throughout the United States. Our Personal Lines Business writes insurance for private passenger automobiles and recreational vehicles. Our Commercial Auto Business writes primary liability, physical damage and other auto-related insurance for automobiles and trucks owned by small businesses.

See the "Income Statements" and "Supplemental Information" for further month and year-to-date information and the "Monthly Commentary" at the end of this release for additional discussion.

THE PROGRESSIVE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
INCOME STATEMENT

March 2008

(millions – except per share amounts)

(unaudited)

	Current Month	Comments on Monthly Results ¹
Net premiums written	<u>\$1,118.3</u>	
Revenues:		
Net premiums earned	\$1,049.4	
Investment income	61.9	Includes a \$2.7 million cumulative reduction reflecting yield adjustments due to lower interest rates.
Net realized gains (losses) on securities	(29.0)	
		Includes \$50.2 million of write-downs on securities determined to have had other-than-temporary declines in market value.
Service revenues	<u>1.3</u>	
Total revenues	<u>1,083.6</u>	
Expenses:		
Losses and loss adjustment expenses	744.5	
Policy acquisition costs	105.0	
Other underwriting expenses	124.2	
Investment expenses	.9	
Service expenses	1.7	
Interest expense	<u>11.4</u>	
Total expenses	<u>987.7</u>	
Income before income taxes	95.9	
Provision for income taxes	<u>24.6</u>	
Net income	<u>\$71.3</u>	
COMPUTATION OF EARNINGS PER SHARE		
Basic:		
Average shares outstanding	<u>669.9</u>	
Per share	<u>\$.11</u>	
Diluted:		
Average shares outstanding	669.9	
Net effect of dilutive stock-based compensation	<u>5.3</u>	
Total equivalent shares	<u>675.2</u>	
Per share	<u>\$.11</u>	

¹ See the Monthly Commentary at the end of this release for additional discussion. For a description of our reporting and accounting policies, see Note 1 to our 2007 audited consolidated financial statements included in our 2007 Shareholders' Report, which can be found at www.progressive.com/annualreport.

The following table sets forth the investment results for the month:

Fully taxable equivalent total return:	
Fixed-income securities	(1.1)%
Common stocks	(.7)%
Total portfolio	(1.0)%
Pretax recurring investment book yield	5.5%

THE PROGRESSIVE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
INCOME STATEMENTS
March 2008 Year-to-Date
(millions – except per share amounts)
(unaudited)

	Year-to-Date		%
	2008	2007	
Net premiums written	<u>\$3,490.4</u>	<u>\$3,646.7</u>	(4)
Revenues:			
Net premiums earned	\$3,390.0	\$3,493.8	(3)
Investment income	159.3	163.5	(3)
Net realized gains (losses) on securities	32.2	23.3	38
Service revenues	4.4	6.2	(29)
Total revenues	<u>3,585.9</u>	<u>3,686.8</u>	(3)
Expenses:			
Losses and loss adjustment expenses	2,484.0	2,400.5	3
Policy acquisition costs	339.5	355.2	(4)
Other underwriting expenses	384.3	371.5	3
Investment expenses	1.5	2.8	(46)
Service expenses	5.1	5.2	(2)
Interest expense	34.3	18.9	81
Total expenses	<u>3,248.7</u>	<u>3,154.1</u>	3
Income before income taxes	337.2	532.7	(37)
Provision for income taxes	97.8	169.2	(42)
Net income	<u>\$239.4</u>	<u>\$363.5</u>	(34)
COMPUTATION OF EARNINGS PER SHARE			
Basic:			
Average shares outstanding	671.5	737.8	(9)
Per share	<u>\$.36</u>	<u>\$.49</u>	(28)
Diluted:			
Average shares outstanding	671.5	737.8	(9)
Net effect of dilutive stock-based compensation	5.8	7.5	(23)
Total equivalent shares	<u>677.3</u>	<u>745.3</u>	(9)
Per share	<u>\$.35</u>	<u>\$.49</u>	(28)

The following table sets forth the investment results for the year-to-date period:

	2008	2007
Fully taxable equivalent total return:		
Fixed-income securities	(.6)%	1.7%
Common stocks	(9.3)%	1.4%
Total portfolio	(2.0)%	1.7%
Pretax recurring investment book yield	4.8%	4.7%

THE PROGRESSIVE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
March 2008
(\$ in millions)
(unaudited)

Current Month						
	Personal Lines			Commercial Auto	Other Businesses ¹	Companywide Total
	Agency	Direct	Total	Business		
Net Premiums Written	\$595.2	\$369.1	\$964.3	\$152.9	\$1.1	\$1,118.3
% Growth in NPW	(4)%	4%	(1)%	(5)%	NM	(2)%
Net Premiums Earned	\$570.8	\$340.2	\$911.0	\$136.8	\$1.6	\$1,049.4
% Growth in NPE	(5)%	0%	(3)%	(4)%	NM	(3)%
<u>GAAP Ratios</u>						
Loss/LAE ratio	69.6	71.9	70.4	74.9	NM	71.0
Expense ratio	21.7	22.0	21.9	21.3	NM	21.8
Combined ratio	91.3	93.9	92.3	96.2	NM	92.8
<u>Actuarial Adjustments</u> ²						
Reserve Decrease/(Increase)						
Prior accident years						\$(6.7)
Current accident year						.2
Calendar year actuarial adjustment	\$(.9)	\$(.1)	\$(1.0)	\$(5.5)	\$0	\$(6.5)
<u>Prior Accident Years Development</u>						
Favorable/(Unfavorable)						
Actuarial adjustment						\$(6.7)
All other development						(9.4)
Total development						\$(16.1)
Calendar year loss/LAE ratio						71.0
Accident year loss/LAE ratio						69.5
<u>Statutory Ratios</u>						
Loss/LAE ratio						71.0
Expense ratio						21.5
Combined ratio						92.5

¹Primarily includes professional liability insurance for community banks and Progressive's run-off businesses. The other businesses generated an underwriting profit of \$.1 million for the month. Combined ratios and % growth are not meaningful (NM) due to the low level of premiums earned by, and the variability of losses in, such businesses.

²Represents adjustments solely based on our corporate actuarial reviews.

THE PROGRESSIVE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
March 2008 Year-to-Date
(\$ in millions) (unaudited)

Year-to-Date						
	Personal Lines			Commercial Auto Business	Other Businesses¹	Companywide Total
	Agency	Direct	Total			
Net Premiums Written	\$1,868.8	\$1,160.0	\$3,028.8	\$457.2	\$4.4	\$3,490.4
% Growth in NPW	(6)%	0%	(4)%	(7)%	NM	(4)%
Net Premiums Earned	\$1,846.0	\$1,094.0	\$2,940.0	\$444.7	\$5.3	\$3,390.0
% Growth in NPE	(5)%	0%	(3)%	(4)%	NM	(3)%
<u>GAAP Ratios</u>						
Loss/LAE ratio	72.5	74.7	73.4	73.2	NM	73.3
Expense ratio	21.3	21.5	21.3	21.0	NM	21.3
Combined ratio	93.8	96.2	94.7	94.2	NM	94.6
<u>Actuarial Adjustments²</u>						
Reserve Decrease/(Increase)						
Prior accident years						\$(8.1)
Current accident year						(.1)
Calendar year actuarial adjustment	\$(.2)	\$(.8)	\$(1.0)	\$(7.2)	\$0	\$(8.2)
<u>Prior Accident Years Development</u>						
Favorable/(Unfavorable)						
Actuarial adjustment						\$(8.1)
All other development						(24.5)
Total development						\$(32.6)
Calendar year loss/LAE ratio						73.3
Accident year loss/LAE ratio						72.3
<u>Statutory Ratios</u>						
Loss/LAE ratio						73.3
Expense ratio						21.1
Combined ratio						94.4
<u>Statutory Surplus</u>						
						\$4,684.9

NM = Not Meaningful

<u>Policies in Force</u>	March 2008	March 2007	Change
(in thousands)			
Agency – Auto	4,442.6	4,521.8	(2)%
Direct – Auto	2,679.4	2,502.8	7%
Special Lines ³	3,151.8	2,928.6	8%
Total Personal Lines	10,273.8	9,953.2	3%
Commercial Auto Business	545.4	514.7	6%

¹ The other businesses generated an underwriting loss of \$.1 million.

² Represents adjustments solely based on our corporate actuarial reviews.

³ Includes insurance for motorcycles, recreational vehicles, mobile homes, watercraft, snowmobiles and similar items, as well as a personal umbrella product.

THE PROGRESSIVE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
BALANCE SHEET AND OTHER INFORMATION

(millions – except per share amounts)
(unaudited)

March
2008

CONDENSED GAAP BALANCE SHEET: ¹	
Investments – Available-for-sale, at fair value:	
Fixed maturities (amortized cost: \$8,182.4)	\$8,120.7
Equity securities:	
Preferred stocks ² (cost: \$2,635.7)	2,121.5
Common equities (cost: \$1,330.3)	2,104.2
Short-term investments (amortized cost: \$1,533.3)	1,533.3
Total investments ³	13,879.7
Net premiums receivable	2,503.2
Deferred acquisition costs	434.1
Other assets	1,899.8
Total assets	<u>\$18,716.8</u>
Unearned premiums	\$4,307.9
Loss and loss adjustment expense reserves	5,952.1
Other liabilities ³	1,532.9
Debt	2,174.3
Shareholders' equity	4,749.6
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	<u>\$18,716.8</u>

Common Shares outstanding	677.5
Shares repurchased – March	2.6
Average cost per share	\$16.12
Book value per share	\$7.01
Trailing 12-month return on average shareholders' equity	19.1%
Net unrealized pretax gains on investments	\$208.8
Increase (decrease) from February 2008	\$(191.6)
Increase (decrease) from December 2007	\$(506.6)
Debt-to-total capital ratio	31.4%
Fixed-income portfolio duration	2.3 years
Weighted average credit quality	AA-
Year-to-date Gainshare factor	.58

¹ Loss and loss adjustment expense reserves are stated gross of reinsurance recoverables on unpaid losses of \$279.4 million.

² As of March 31, 2008, we held certain hybrid securities and recognized a change in fair value of \$10.8 million as a realized loss during the period we held these securities.

³ Includes net unsettled security transactions of \$79.4 million.

Monthly Commentary

- During March, we reduced recurring investment income by a cumulative \$2.7 million, reflecting yield adjustments due to the lower interest rates on our variable rate residential mortgage-backed securities. We expect only a minor reduction to our ongoing monthly recurring income as a result of the yield adjustments taken to date. To the extent interest rates change significantly, we will appropriately record additional yield adjustments.
- Included in net realized gains (losses) on securities were \$50.2 million of write downs on securities determined to have had “other-than-temporary” declines in market value as of March 31, 2008. The write downs included \$42.7 million of preferred stocks, \$5.7 million of common equities and \$1.8 million of fixed maturity asset-backed securities. For each of these securities, we determined that fundamental issues exist for the issuer in addition to the effects of current market conditions, and it is not clear at this time that we will hold these securities for a period of time necessary to recover a substantial portion of their values. A discussion of our “Critical Accounting Policy: Other-than-Temporary Impairment” can be found in *Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*, which is included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.

About Progressive

The Progressive Group of Insurance Companies, in business since 1937, is the country’s third largest auto insurance group and largest seller of motorcycle and personal watercraft policies based on premiums written, and is a market leader in commercial auto insurance.

Progressive is committed to becoming consumers’ #1 choice for auto insurance by providing competitive rates and products that meet drivers’ needs throughout their lifetimes, superior online and in-person customer service, and best-in-class, 24-hour claims service, including its concierge level of claims service available at service centers located in major metropolitan areas throughout the United States.

Progressive companies offer consumers choices in how to shop for, buy and manage their auto insurance policies. Progressive offers its products, including personal and commercial auto, motorcycle, boat and recreational vehicle insurance, through more than 30,000 independent insurance agencies throughout the U.S. and online and by phone directly from the Company. To find an agent or to get a quote, go to www.progressive.com.

The Common Shares of The Progressive Corporation, the Mayfield Village, Ohio-based holding company, are publicly traded at NYSE:PGR. For more information, including a guide to interpreting the monthly reporting package, visit www.progressive.com.

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